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BISTRO PLANNED FOR FIRE STATION

by Alex Ross

A LONG-awaited continental-style bistro and bar could open in a former Dudley fire station, under plans unveiled this week.

The old Carver's Cafe in Stone Street Square will be restored to the design of the fire station and opened as a restaurant. It will be headed by two Dudley entrepreneurs, Shakeel Zafar and Craig Willis, under the proposal submitted to Dudley Council for approval. The building, which was a fire station more than 100 years ago, last served as a cafe ten years ago, but has since laid empty.

The proposal comes in the same week the council started talks over introducing specialist markets in the town centre. Councillor Shaukat Ali, said: "It's always great to be able to announce that a new venture is opening in any of our town centres and since Stone Street Square was redeveloped, it has always been the intention to attract a new business to the adjacent building and to make that whole area more vibrant.

"With the addition of the council looking at evening markets in Dudley as well as linking up with the entertainment at the Town Hall, this really will make a significant difference and provide Dudley with an offering that it doesn't already have."

He added: "Dudley continues to make a strong statement.

"It's changing, continuing to move forward and it is ready to welcome new and existing visitors, as well as new businesses."

Operator

Mr Zafar, aged 39, will be the operator of the business under the deal, while Mr Willis, 40, will be head chef.

The pair have already worked together at Banks Bistro in Wolverhampton.

Mr Zafar said: "I am thrilled to announce that my team and I will be joining Dudley town centre, it's such an exciting opportunity.

"As a Dudley man I have always been committed to doing business locally and I cannot wait to get started on my new venture, which not only brings me to my home town but also to a building of such historic importance."

The building will be restored to its original fire station design under the proposal.

The bistro's entrance will be situated off Stone Street Square, where there will also be seats placed outside for customers.

An extension will be added on to include a kitchen, office and toilets.

Work could begin on the project in the summer if the plans are approved.

Mother hurt by 'showoff' in BMW

A DRIVER who mowed down a mother in Dudley when he mounted the pavement while "showing off" in his BMW has been jailed for two-and-half years and banned for five.

Victim Julie Doswell pushed her daughter and friend aside before being pinned to a wall.

The 48-year-old almost lost a leg when 23-year-old Subhan Nawaz hit her.

Nawaz was "fishtailing" with smoke pouring from the screeching tyres of the BMW M3 convertible when he lost control in High Street.

The car mounted the pavement mowing down Mrs Doswell, her 15-year-old daughter Alex and friend Lucy Waterson who had just left The Venue restaurant at 10.30pm, prosecutor Miss Helena Miller told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Mrs Doswell suffered multiple fractures and spent three months in hospital.

Mrs Doswell, who said Nawaz was showing off, was not in court but said in a statement: "My life has been turned upside down and I am totally dependent on my husband."

Mr Andrew Molloy, defending, said: "This vehicle had been given to him by his father who very much regrets the present."

Nawaz, from Wellington Road, Dudley admitted dangerous driving and inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Fuel robbers to be tackled

Petrol stations in Brierley Hill have been targeted 16 times so far this year by thieves who left without paying for fuel.

Asda at Merry Hill; Shell in Brettle Lane and Snax in Pedmore Road are among the stations hit.

Police have now launched an operation which will see a greater presence on the forecourts and a sharing of suspect information between stations.

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Court battle renewed on Mosque plan

A FRESH battle over the controversial multi-million-pound Dudley Mosque will be heard by High Court judges on June 19.

Dudley Muslim Association's battle over the Hall Street site had already been before the courts at a hearing last month.

The association wants to halt a buy-back clause in their contract with the council forcing the group to sell the land back if building work does not start on the site.

They got the appeal go-ahead against the decision from the High Court in July.

Council bosses managed to get many arguments against the buy-back plan rejected at a hearing in November.

The council refused original plans in February 2007, against the advice of its own planning officers but in July 2008 the Planning Inspectorate reversed the council decision, granting outline planning permission.

Council planners rejected the association's most recent full planning application in September 2011 after thousands of objections. Under £6million plans, the mosque would be on the former Nuttall factory site.

Muslim leaders scaled back the size but planners said new designs would still mean not be in keeping with medieval features of the town including Dudley Castle. The council legal bill for trying to buy back the land now stands at more than £80,000.

High Street roadworks delays

The scene of what are expected to be three weeks of traffic snarl-ups after roadworks were started on Pensnett High Street, near to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital

MOTORISTS faced long delays on a busy route through the Dudley borough as a major roadworks programme got under way.

The three-week road resurfacing scheme along Pensnett High Street, outside Russells Hall Hospital, started on Monday.

One lane of the road will be cordoned off and temporary traffic signals put in place from 9.30am to 3.30pm daily.

Within 30 minutes of work starting, long queues backed up for up to half a mile on both sides of the stretch of work outside the hospital's staff entrance.

On the Kingswinford side, cars were stopped as far as the Goodies Fish Bar at Tansey Green Road. On the Dudley side, queues snaked round the roundabout at the hospital's main entrance, affecting traffic on Kingswinford Road and Pensnett Road.

Outside the peak times, the work will continue but will be downscaled so two lanes can be open for traffic to pass both ways.

All parking is banned from Church Street to the junction for the hospital's main entrance during the work.

Before the work, Dudley Council sent out letters to residents and businesses warning them of the delays.

Councillor Judy Foster, cabinet member for transportation, said: "The council and its contractor, John A Bates, are working very closely with Russells Hall Hospital and are committed to keeping disruption and delays to a minimum."

Today, pensioner Ronald Bloomer, aged 65, who lives opposite the hospital, said: "It is an inconvenience, but the work needed to be done badly. The road was so damaged you could hear bangs as cars hit holes."

Cars queued past Pensnett Post Office. Owner Jaldeep Singh said: "We knew the work was needed, it is good to see it getting done at last."

The work is expected to last until April 6.

Masked hammer robbers grab cash

A MASKED gang shoved an elderly woman and left a security officer shaken before grabbing £23,000 outside a post office in Dudley.

Two men armed with sledgehammers wrestled a cash box from the officer as he walked into the Post Office branch in Lifestyle Convenience store, Russells Hall Road, Pensnett, just after 9am on Thursday.

They smashed open the box and fled with the cash in a waiting getaway vehicle, hurling the hammer through the windscreen of a security vehicle.

The elderly woman was pushed into the shop and was left in tears.

Postmaster Joe Jawandha, who was forced to close following the raid, described the robbers as "idiots".

"It's upsetting for me because a lot of people rely on this post office for their pensions each week," Mr Jawandha, who has been postmaster for five years, said.

"I'm more concerned about the elderly lady who was pushed than the money taken at the end of the day – lives come before money and its lucky no-one was hurt."

Counter assistant Naren Patel, who rang 999, said: "Everyone was shaken."

Last April, two men threatened a security officer with an axe outside the post office.

Line-up set for festival

A MUSIC festival is finalising the line-up. Stourbridge Blues Festival has been planned to provide a stage for the best local acts to play together on May 18.

Eleven performers have already joined the bill for the 12-hour long event to be held at Stourbridge Rugby Club's Stourton Park.

Cash raised will be donated to Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice, Hagley Road. Tickets are priced at £10 and are available online at www.stourbridgebluesfestival.co.uk or at the club.

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Rounding up horses costs £150,000

ALMOST £150,000 has been spent on rounding up stray horses in Dudley borough in the past two years, new figures show.

Officials from Dudley Council say they are committed to tackling the problem and are working with the RSCPA and police.

Further talks are also planned to discuss how to improve the welfare of strays seen grazing in the borough. Latest figures show 257 horses were impounded across Dudley between April 2011 and last month as the authority grappled to get a grip on the problem.

In total, £75,484 was spent on rounding up horses in 2011-12 and £72,620 has so far been paid out during this financial year.

The council has paid a horse bailiff to seize horses seen illegally grazing on council-owned land.

It has also been forced to pay out for a contractor to collect horses found straying into roads under an arrangement reached between council officers and police.

Officials revealed, through a Freedom of Information request, that only seven horses were successfully reunited with their owners in the past two years. One that was impounded had to be put down.

The council has previously confirmed more than 170 horses which were found to be strays were rehomed while a further 59 are waiting to be found new owners.

But they moved to allayed fears, stating no horses impounded had been being slaughtered for the human food chain in light of the recent horse meat scandal.

The council took action to reduce the number of wandering horses after complaints about them running into the road.

Murder suspect tells of agony waiting for trial

MURDER suspect Luke Walker has spoken of his daily agony as he braces himself for the fight to clear his name in a Greek court – three years after the death of the girlfriend with whom he had hoped to spend his life.

by Louise Jew

Luke, now aged 25, of Brierley Hill, said he is haunted 24 hours a day by thoughts of the trial and the loss of girlfriend Chelsea Hyndman.

He has twice visited her grave in her hometown of Castleford, Yorkshire, to lay flowers since being allowed bail to return to the UK when his trial was adjourned in October. It is expected to resume in Crete on May 28 – and, if found guilty of battering Chelsea to death on the holiday isle in May 2010, he faces a life sentence.

Chelsea Hyndman – tragic

But he and his family, who have already run up £210,000 in legal and travelling bills, with an estimated £60,000 more to find, are convinced he will be cleared.

Luke, who works for his father Patrick's company Walker's Electrics, Brierley Hill, said: "Mentally it's draining, it's on my mind day and night. My family and friends help me through the tough days.

"I train a lot at the David Lloyd gym in Pensnett and I try to work at least four days a week, although I'm constantly tired. I'm trying to concentrate on getting ready for the trial – I'd go tomorrow if I could to clear my name.

"I'm confident of the outcome because I'm innocent but there's still that doubt and I'm really worried every day.

"If I'm found guilty of murder I could face life, which could be about 20 years, although if I'm found guilty of a lesser charge it could be less.

"I haven't been offered a plea bargain but if I was I'd turn it down because I am innocent and want to clear my name completely."

Luke, of Gayfield Avenue, Withymoor, claims he took Chelsea to hospital after she progressively felt ill following a night out with girlfriends in Malia, Crete, where they were living and working in bars.

Some of those friends have since come forward to say she fell in the street during the night out and the family now has medical evidence the injuries that led to her death are consistent with that incident.

Luke first visited his girlfriend's grave with his father and mother Lindy and has returned since with a group who were friends of both him and Chelsea.

"Visiting her grave was upsetting but she was the person I wanted to spend my life with, and I just had to go," said Luke.

Patrick, 55, and Lindy, 61, have remortgaged the family home, and friends and relatives are busy raising funds towards the legal fight.

Luke Walker who is on bail from Greece with his father Patrick Walker

'Drinking den' death fall

A MAN accidentally plummeted more than 20ft to his death from the window of a "drinking den" after his brother locked him in the flat, an inquest heard.

David Lewandowski, aged 50 - described by his daughter as "chirpy" - used a curtain rail and pelmet to try to climb out.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain, recording a verdict of accidental death, said: "Whether deliberate or not is not clear – but Mr Lewandowski got locked in, apparently by his brother, and decided he would get out.

"He was clearly not trying to kill himself and there was nothing suspicious."

Mr Lewandowski, an unemployed roofer, of Cavalier Drive, Halesowen, had 238mg alcohol in his blood – nearly three times the drink drive limit. Pc Ian Priest told the Dudley inquest Mr Lewandowski was conscious in the back of an ambulance when he arrived at the flat at 5.30pm on August 13.

"He said he had fallen out of the window and I could see the window was open," added Pc Priest. Mr Lewandowski died the next day in Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital from extensive bleeding caused by multiple injuries

DS Neil Bason said Mr Lewandowski's younger brother Zenon had gone out and locked the door. After the inquest he said he believed the flat had been used as a "drinking den". Mr Lewandowski's daughter Zara, said after the hearing: "My dad was happy, chirpy and liked to crack a joke."

Forecourt fuel-theft campaign by police

A CRACKDOWN has been launched on drivers who do not pay for their fuel after a spate of thefts at petrol stations in Brierley Hill.

Police will be stepping up patrols and encouraging station bosses to share details on suspects as part of Forecourt Watch.

The initiative will start at Asda, Merry Hill; Shell, Brettle Lane, Jet, Dudley Road, and BP Snax, Pedmore Road.

It follows 16 fuel thefts in the ward so far this year, including 12 at the Asda station, three at Shell and one at Snax.

Pc Wayne Trueman, from Brierley Hill police station, said: ""We hope that the introduction of Forecourt Watch will send a clear message to criminals.

"We will be looking to prosecute anybody who is caught committing this crime, and by sharing information with the local petrol stations we hope to be able to prevent further offences from being committed."

Thambirajah Prathepan, manager at BP Snax, welcomed the scheme, adding he hoped it would offer his business greater protection.

Trail in need of walkers

WALKERS are needed for the annual Dudley Trail, which is now in its 33rd year. The event, which attracts hundreds of competitors, takes place on May 5 and offers routes of six, nine, 12, 18 and 26 miles,

They start from Dudley Leisure Centre and are part of Dudley Walking Festival, which runs from April 27 and features a series of walks across the borough.

Dudley's leisure chief Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "I would encourage people to join one of the walks on the day, which is sure to be as much fun as ever."

Increasing skills

A SCHEME aimed at raising skill levels and creating jobs is open to businesses in the Black Country.

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Fire alarm raised by milkman

A WOMAN and her two pets were rescued from a house fire in Dudley after a milkman raised the alarm.

The blaze broke out in the ground floor of the property in Edenbridge View, Milking Bank estate, at around 2.20am last Thursday.

A passing milkman spotted smoke and called the emergency services.

Startled neighbours were woken by fire crews and evacuated as other firefighters rescued the woman.

Crews from Dudley, Brierley Hill and Tipton wore breathing apparatus when entering the semi-detached house.

They helped the woman, in her 50s, to safety.

Chard debris have been left strewn on the front garden with officers still investigating the cause the blaze.

Neighbours Fred and Marilyn Rock, both aged 78, were alseep when fire crews banged on their door.

"There were fire engines, an ambulance and police already outside so it was quite a shock," he said.

The woman suffered the effects of inhaling smoke and was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospita.

Her dog and her rabbit were were taken to a veterinary practice for checks.

Dealers are sent to jail

THREE drug dealers were caught with 1kg of cocaine worth £80,000 outside Pro-Fitness gym, Halesowen. Police pounced on Harjit Dulay, his nephew Amarpreet Dulay, 27, and Martin Ruddock in the car park in Nimmings Road in January last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Police found a cannabis factory at the former home of Ruddock, 35, in Fulwood Avenue, Halesowen. Dulay, 43, of Broadwaters Road, Darlaston, was jailed for seven-and-a-half years, Ruddock, of Holycroft, Handsworth, for five-and-a-half years and Amarpreet Dulay, of Northolt Grove, Great Barr, for three years four months. All pleaded guilty

Business grows

A GROWING business is moving to a new plant. Identec has 20 staff at its factory on the Lye Valley Industrial Estate, Bromley Street, Lye, but this could rise when it move to Hurst Business Park, Navigation Drive, Brierley Hill.

Taxis to seek legal advice in white cars row

Taxi drivers outside Beacon Taxis, Dudley. At the front left Shaz Saleem the chairman of Dudley Private Hire Association

TAXI drivers will seek legal advice before deciding whether to launch a fresh challenge to Dudley Council's policy for only allowing white cars to be used for private hire.

More than 1,000 drivers and customers had signed a petition calling for the rules to be changed.

Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association said drivers were finding white cars too expensive.

They had asked the council's taxis committee to consider introducing a second colour but councillors voted by a narrow margin of five to four to reject the proposal amid safety fears at a meeting.

The single colour scheme was introduced in 2006 to make licensed vehicles easily identifiable.

But, Shaz Saleem, who runs two taxi bases in the borough and is chairman of the association, had argued that the difference in cost between white and silver coloured cars could be as much as £2,000.

He told the committee he believed customers were used to seeing both white and silver private hire vehicles due to neighbouring boroughs having different colours. He said he was "disappointed" by the decision not to change the policy.

"We will be seeking legal advice to see what steps we take now.

"I don't feel it was a common sense approach and is not in the best interests of the drivers in the trade."

Councillor Jackie Cowell said: "We do need a distinctive colour in the borough to make the vehicles recognisable in case a serious incident occurs.

"White cars are good because even in the dark, you can tell it's a white car."

Campaign starts for return of Churchill glass memorial

A FAMOUS stained-glass mosaic of wartime leader Sir Winston Churchill could be returned to Dudley after more than 20 years if a new campaign is successful.

The memorial was unveiled at the town's Churchill Precinct in 1969 and became a familiar sight to residents and traders. It was taken down after a series of vandal attacks left parts of the mosaic in pieces and the remaining panels were placed in storage.

by Lee Watton

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has launched a campaign to get it and will work with experts, council officers and residents.

Hr said it would a fitting way to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Sir Winston's death in 2015.

If the restoration takes place, he hopes the piece would be returned to its original home in the Churchill Precinct and plans to hold talks with the centre's owners in the future.

Attacks

But if an agreement could not be reached, the mosaic could be displayed in one of the town's museums or even in one of the new developments planned for the town.

The 17 stained-glass panels, which illustrated mom-ents from the former Prime Minister's life, were design-ed by Edward Bainbridge Copnall.

At the time, the precinct was not enclosed and the panels were damaged by weather before the vandal attacks also took their toll.

They were taken down in 1991 and the remaining ones were taken to Himley Hall and have been gathering dust in storage. It was found the adhesive used to hold the window together was not compatible with the materials in the mosaic.

Mr Austin said new techniques should mean the problems could be overcome.

And he hopes the memorial could be used to teach a new generation about Churchill's contribution to securing Britain's liberty and the world's freedom.

"No-one who grew up in Dudley could forget the magnificent memorial to Winston Churchill," he said.

"I cannot remember the number of times I stood under the panels but will never forget the impact they had on me.

"The memorial made me understand how Churchill inspired the British people not just to fight for Britain's liberty but for the world's freedom too.

"It is this era, described by Churchill himself as our country's finest hour, which defines Britain today."

Alan Caswell, who runs the Arcade Toyshop, said he remembered the mosaicand supported its restoration.

Dudley's Churchill Precinct, featuring the 39ft screen in memory of Churchill, was a riot of colour in August, 1969

Edward Bainbridge Copnall recreates Churchill's face

The main section about to be hoisted into place

Go signal for depot plan

A MAINTENANCE depot for diesel locomotives will be built at Kidderminster Station following support from councillors. It will house locomotives as they are worked on by the Severn Valley Railway. Storage and changing facilities will also be created at the station.

NEWS in brief

Club appeals for cricket scorers

CRICKET lovers are being sought to keep score for a Stourbridge club's first and second XI on Saturdays throughout the season starting from April 27.

The call has come from Pedmore Cricket Club, Pedmore Hall Lane, Pedmore. The first XI starts its campaign in the Worcestershire County League at local rivals Hagley.

Scorers are paid £10 for each game and given a free tea. For more information about learning to score and volunteering email Mpwenham@aol.com

Cleaning up with station contract

A NEW contract for cleaning bus stations across the Black Country will save taxpayers £225,000 a year, transport bosses have said.

Centro, the transport authority for the West Midlands, has signed a £525,000 annual deal with Hi-Spec Services Ltd to run to 2015.

It provides for the daily cleaning of 12 bus stations, including Stourbridge, three Travel Information Centres and Centro House, the authority's offices in Birmingham city centre.

Think local call goes to business

BUSINESS chiefs in Kidderminster have taken up the challenge to recruit "closer to home".

The Community Housing Group hosted a breakfast forum to encourage business leaders to offer the unemployed work and several have pledged support. Officials believe a local strategy is vital to the economic regeneration of the Wyre Forest district.

Leisure centre project moving

THE creation of a £10 million leisure centre in Kidderminster has moved a step closer after the first plans were lodged.

It has been heralded as the start of a new chapter for the town and the Wyre Forest district by council leader John Campion. He was speaking as progress on the complex, which will be built on the old Victoria Carpets sports ground.

Review on toilets

PUBLIC toilets in a Dudley town shut by council cutbacks could be reopened. Eight toilet blocks were closed but now officials have agreed to analyse proposals to reopen toilets in Netherton.

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NEWS

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

PRESUMABLY the rail companies and Network Rail cheerfully co-operated in the making of the documentary series The Railway: Keeping Britain on Track (BBC2). They must be regretting it, for the message, loud and clear week after week, is to avoid trains at all costs. Some passengers are not the sort of people you'd want to share a train with, and let's not even mention the state of the lavatories. This week's revolting scenes of cleaning a carriage at the end of a day's use by the Grim British Public was stomach-churning stuff.

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IF YOU need proof that Britain has a real booze problem, look no further than the assorted slappers, scrappers and scumbags using the trains on The Railway to get to and from Aintree and a public rally. There was a time, not long ago, when being drunk in a public place was enough to earn you a night in the cells and a £5 fine the next morning. For some reason, drunkenness is now tolerated by the cops and getting thumped by drunks seems to be regarded as an occupational hazard by train and platform staff. It is all very well David Cameron and his Cabinet agonising over a minimum price for booze but the problem is not the cheapness of alcohol but the lack of any deterrent against those who can't handle it.

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THAT great national treasure Victoria Wood has attacked "enhanced reality" TV shows such as The Only way is Essex (TOWIE) where ordinary people are encouraged to act out situations. She says it is taking bread out of actors' mouths. Maybe it is. But, like it or not, throughout history from Shakespeare to TOWIE, there has been only one measure of successful drama – will the punters watch it? Sadly, no-one ever lost money by underestimating public taste.

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IT CLEARLY pays to go straight to the top. Last week I printed the email address of Ian Livingston, chief executive of the BT group. In the space of a couple of hours, two readers made contact to tell me how a quick email to ian.livingston@bt.com worked wonders. One had a long-running problem with his BT charge card instantly sorted. Another whose landline and internet had been down since early February was reconnected PDQ.

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RESEARCHERS at the University of Nottingham have developed a test to detect Alzheimer's disease in its earliest stages. And having been diagnosed, what then? What happens to your life insurance policy? Or your travel insurance? Or your driving licence? Even if some drugs can significantly delay the onset of dementia (which is debatable), there is no defence against the consequences of knowing what is coming. Sometimes, ignorance is bliss.

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A READER writes, claiming the "simple answer" to the so-called bedroom tax is for people on benefits with spare bedrooms to adopt a granny. I floated a similar idea a couple of years ago, suggesting pensioners should buddy up, sell two houses and buy one to share. I was promptly slapped down by a self-confessed miserable old git who said he had no desire to share his declining years with another miserable old git.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Waterfront to welcome council staff

DUDLEY'S Waterfront development will be the new home for 400 council workers who will be relocated as part of cost-cutting plans.

Adult, community and housing services staff from six sites will move to Harbour Buildings, at the complex in Brierley Hill.

The plans, which the council says will save £150,000 per year, have been revealed by Dudley Council's chief executive John Polychronakis. They will go before the council's cabinet next week and come as council chiefs work to cut £27 million from the budgets over the next three years. Under the proposals, 120 staff will relocate from Capstan House, at The Waterfront, 60 from Dudley town centre sites and 50 from Falcon House, in the Minories.

In addition, 90 staff will move from Solus House, Upper Gornal, and 60 from Forge House, Brierley Hill, during 2014-15 when the leases on these buildings come to an end.

Around £250,000 will be spent fitting out the building but the council says it will use existing funds to carry out the work.

Mr Polychronakis said: "Harbour Buildings at the Waterfront, Brierley Hill, has been identified as the most suitable building to accommodate around 400 staff relocating from six buildings. The proposal will deliver annual revenue savings for rent and service charges rising to £150,000 per year, once all moves are completed."

The landlord is undertaking £250,000 refurbishment to bring the building back to its original condition. "The landlord's contractor is already on site, and the council's fit-out can be delivered more economically if undertaken at the same time," Mr Polychronakis added.

Tragedy makes parents of grandad and grannie

FAMILY tragedy has led to grandparents Geoff and June Green stepping into the breach to bring up their teenage grandson.

by Louise Jew

Geoff, aged 83, and his 79-year-old wife are now contending with school runs and computer games as they take on the role of parents to 14-year-old Geoffrey Smith. The couple, who were teenage sweethearts and will celebrate their diamond wedding on March 21, were rocked by a terrible year in 2011, when two of their three children died.

In February 2011, they took young Geoffrey into their home in Summer Street, Kingswinford, because of the long-term illness of his mother, their daughter, Jacqueline.

Just a month earlier, their other daughter, Angela, who lived in Spain, died at the age of 47 from peritonitis.

Jacqueline, a single mum, of Park Street, Kingswinford, then died in December 2011, aged 53.

"It was a dreadful time for us," said June, who is treasurer of the Good Companions Club in High Street, Kingswinford, where she and Geoff go for weekly Thursday social afternoons with other pensioners.

"But, when Jacqueline was so ill, we took our grandson in because we wanted to keep him with us – we didn't want him to be fostered out.

"Our lives have been turned upside down but he's a good lad really and well behaved. He doesn't play loud music but he likes all those computer games."

Geoffrey is full of admiration for his grandparents, saying: "It's like a normal family life with them and I love them both to bits.

"I think they are very lucky to be this old and still together after 60 years married."

June added: "Geoff and I work as a team – he drives us to places, like if we have to pick Geoffrey up from Summerhill School after his weekly day at Halesowen College, and sometimes I'll go on the bus back from somewhere with our grandson.

"It's been a good while since we were looking after a teenager – but we're learning all the time. It will either kill us or keep us young."

Geoff, a retired carpenter at Hickman's builders in Brockmoor, Brierley Hill, and June met when she was 15 and he was 18 while they were out with friends in the George VI Park, Kingswinford. He was living at the famous Crooked House pub in Himley, which his father, Samuel, kept for 25 years.

Geoff and June Green with their 14-year-old grandson Geoffrey at their home in Kingswinford

1,000 apprentice places

BARCLAYS is to recruit a further 1,000 apprentices and help English businesses get 10,000 young people into work.

Its Barclays Bridges Into Work project was launched in Birmingham last week to mark the start of National Apprenticeship Week.

Bank staff will be asked to match suitable apprentices and businesses in their area. The bank's own apprentices will double to 2,000 to help young people in long-term unemployment with little or no qualifications into permanent and fully paid jobs. Ashok Vaswani, Barclays retail and business banking chief executive, said: "We want to help local businesses to take on their own apprentices."

Store has 100 apply for every new job

MORE than 100 people competed for each job up of offer at a furniture store due to open at Merry Hill shopping centre next week.

DFS will create 22 jobs at the retail park – but bosses received 2,497 applications.

The sofa retailer will open in The Boulevard on March 29.

Regional manager Adam Hankinson, said the company had recruited locally.

He said: "I'm looking forward to the opening as we've recruited a great bunch of people from the local community."

The Black Country Skills Shop at Merry Hill shopping centre helps match businesses looking for workers with jobseekers.

Manager Tina Dazell said: "The company may have advertised on its website and people will have been able to apply electronically – so you may have had a large number of people from a wide area applying very quickly without giving much thought.

"DFS is also a recognisable store and I'm sure it is attractive for anyone looking for a job."

The store was previously occupied by Comet.

Cider firm set to grow

CIDER company Aston Manor is planning to invest in new plant and machinery at its Birmingham base.

It plans to increase production with the support of funding from Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance.

The family-owned business has its head office and main brewery in Thimble Mill Lane. It has grown to be the largest independently owned cider producer in the UK. Earlier this year sales and marketing director Gordon Johncox as appointed managing director. "We have identified some key growth opportunities," he said.

Zoo keeps track

A COMPUTER system has been introduced at Dudley Zoo to help staff keep track of the animal records.

The system, called Zoological Information Management System, allows workers easier access to data, which they can then share around the world.

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Thief with a knife is locked up

A MAN who used a baseball bat and knife to rob mobile phones has been locked up for two years.

Shaquille Thomas-Hodge, aged 18, struck first at the Merry Hill shopping centre where he and an accomplice attacked two people, a judge heard.

He smashed one of the victims on the knee with a bat and stole a Blackberry while his accomplice threatened to stab the other person before stealing a similar mobile in The Boulevard on April 16 last year, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Three days later another mobile and headphones were taken from a 15-year-old boy in Quarry Bank at 10pm. Thomas-Hodge denied being the robber but admitted handling the stolen phone.

Thomas-Hodge was arrested after he had stolen another phone from a 17-year-old at knifepoint, in Deeley Street, Quarry Bank the court heard.

Thomas-Hodge, who was living in Wolverhampton but moved to Wretham Court, Handsworth, had a hidden knife when arrested.

Mr Ekwall Tiwana, defending, said Thomas-Hodge, was ashamed of his crimes. Thomas-Hodge pleaded guilty to robbery, handling stolen property and possessing a knife.

New firm is now open

A NEW company that makes steel and aluminium fabrication for the construction industry has opened in Kingswinford, creating seven new jobs.

D A Profiles, which specialises in work for the roofing and cladding market, has taken a 6,433 sq ft unit at the Pensnett Estate, which is owned and managed by London and Cambridge Properties.

The company makes products such as flashings and fabrications, profiled sheets, purlins and rails, sills and pressings.

It also offers specialist welding services and a comprehensive range of fixings and ancillaries.

Railway award

CHILTERN Railways has been awarded transport marketing campaign of the year at the Chartered Institute of Marketing's Marketing Excellence Awards.

It runs services to London from Birmingham and won for its Mainline launch.

MP wants discussion over cuts at hospital

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin is calling for talks with NHS bosses at Russells Hall Hospital over its cost-cutting plans which include the axing of the staff uniform laundry service.

Health chiefs are also reducing the opening hours of the canteen and putting up car park charges in a bid to save £15million by 2015.

Mr Austin said he was concerned by the measures, in particular the plans to ask staff to wash their uniforms at home.

"Everyone know the hospital is having to make cuts because the government has spent £20m of its budget on bureaucratic reorganisation instead of front-line care, but the trust was recently threatening to discipline staff who wore their uniforms whilst travelling to work, and now they're asking them to wash their uniforms at home.

"It's also unfair to ask staff to pick up the cost of a tumble dryer. Many will have had their pay frozen, do not have a tumble dryer, and cannot afford to get one," said Mr Austin.

He added he had has written to chief executive Paula Clark to "seek assurances that the laundry service is being closed for clinical reasons, and not just to make savings."

Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the site, said stopping the staff uniform service would save £63,000 a year. Jobs are at risk as part of the move and bosses are currently consulting staff.

Chief executive Paula Clark said staff were given thorough advice on how to wash their uniforms at home.

She added: "We have been working hard with their PFI partner Summit Healthcare (Dudley) Ltd and support services provider Interserve to see where they can make savings from non clinical services.

"Any decisions to reduce services or facilities that we provide are very difficult to make, but we feel it is better to make savings from non clinical services." Meanwhile changes to the canteen opening hours which will see it shut on weekends will save £110,000 a year.

Under the plans, it will be open between 7am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday. It is currently open between 7am and 8pm each day. Bosses have also decided to put up car park charges from next month to help bring in £300,000 a year.

But they have been criticised by councillors and one of the trust's governors, Bill Etheridge, has resigned in protest.

Fresh call for talks to find a new venue for Heathens

A FRESH appeal for talks over creating a new stadium for Dudley Heathens Speedway Club has been made by club bosses. Around 1,000 fans pack into Wolverhampton's Monmore Green Stadium to watch club meetings since riders took to the track once more four years ago in their temporary home.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said he was "disappointed" talks with Dudley Council leader, Councillor David Sparks, had failed to materialise in recent months over setting up a club in the borough. He says there is no long-term future for the club in Wolverhampton and reiterated the time was right for a permanent move back to Dudley. Club officials have also held talks with Sandwell Council over the possibility of building a stadium on industrial land in the borough.

The club had hoped a stadium could be included in the multi-million pound regeneration of Castle Hill.

But redevelopment plans for Castle Hill have already been approved by councillors.

Mr Pearson said: "We are disappointed we have been unable to have talks with David Sparks about the stadium over the last few months. We will continue to push forward carrying the Dudley name but there is no long-term future at Wolverhampton.

"We have been made so welcome and the Wolverhampton track staff have done a great job but we have to look at plans for our own stadium.

"Sandwell have offered to investigate industrial sites for us and we have had some dialogue with them. At the moment we have reached an impasse."

Councillor Sparks last week ruled out hopes to build a stadium on Castle Hill but did welcome fresh talks in a bid to find a new site suitable for speedway.

"I'm very eager to have talks and hear the club's suggestions and they only have to make contact with my office at the council," he said. "Castle Hill is not a suitable site for speedway and we are already progressing with plans with the three attractions.

"I would hope that we would be able place the Heathens in Dudley or Sandwell but I personally don't know of a suitable site."

Epidemic of loneliness for older people

OLDER people are in the grip of a loneliness epidemic, according to new research.

More than 66 million hours are spent alone by people over 65 in Britain daily – equivalent to each spending more than 100 days alone each year, the study found.

The survey, done for the Associated Retirement Community Operators (Arco), found that a quarter feel lonely some or most of the time.

Almost one in five of over 75s sometimes go a full weekend without seeing and speaking to another person.

The survey of 1,030 people over 65 found they spend an average of 6.4 waking hours alone daily.

When people were asked what worried them most about getting older, poor health was top with 32 per cent, but having to leave the family home most concerned 4 per cent of respondents.

Almost three quarters have not made any changes to the way they live, or made any preparations for their changing housing needs.

Eileen War-Birch, Wolverhampton Pensioners' Convention secretary, said there were a lot of lonely people who wouldn't see people for days on end. "These things do happen – you do hear the odd horror story. There is a need for regular contact with people and it's important to have interaction with people.

"A bit of solitude can be nice for a few hours but it's nice to have the option of being able to see friends and relatives."

Business improves

BUSINESS output improved across most of the nine English regions last month, including the West Midlands, amid an upturn in new work orders, a survey claims. In the West Midlands, business activity among private sector firms increased slightly during February according to Lloyds TSB Regional Purchasing Managers' Index

Chance to dig into new course

Students Jake Beckford and Stacey Walker with director of science Maria Mincher

AN academy school in Cradley Heath is offering pupils the chance to master the skills of forensic science in a new course starting in September.

Ormiston Forge Academy will be offering a BTEC in forensic science at the start of the school year to its sixth form students.

The course will cover criminal psychology, police and forensic procedures and lessons will take place in science labs with field trips to crimes scenes and working laboratories.

Students could also learn about other areas including genetics, forensic fire analysis, human physiology and forensic photography. Maria Mincher, director of science at the academy in Wrights Lane, said: "This course forms an excellent base for employment in the science industry as well as a route into university if taken alongside other science A-levels.

"This is a subject that provides real-world skills and opportunities for work including blood splatter technicians, crime scene investigators, DNA analysts and many other forensic roles.

"It's important for our students to know that they are able to achieve anything they want."

NEWS in brief

Ale tasting time aimed at women

A DUDLEY brewery is organising an ale tasting evening specifically for women.

The newly-opened Fownes Brewery in Upper Gornal has television beer expert Marverine Cole speaking at its event in The Jolly Crispin in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, on April 18 at 6pm.

The £10-a-head ale tasting will also feature Ali Capper, a woman hop farmer.

Places can be booked for the tasting evening via email to info@fownes-brewing.co.uk.

Fellowship set to hear about Elgar

HAGLEY Wives and Women's Fellowship will hear about Worcestershire composer Edward Elgar and his music from Geoffrey Duggan on March 26.

Then on April 9 members will have an update from Helen Coombs about the Edwards Trust.

Both events start at 8pm at St Saviour's Church Hall in the village. Meanwhile Hagley Mothers' Union is will get a Lent talk from the Rev David Blackburn on March 21.

Workshops to manage budget

FREE workshops are being held to help families budget and organise their finances.

The events take place at All Saints Children Centre on March 27 at 11am and Bilston Children's Centre on May 1 at 1pm.

Sessions for South Staffordshire Housing Association tenants take place at Wombourne Fire Station from 9.30am on April 4 and at Perton Library on May 9 at 2.30pm.

University to train maths teachers

A TOTAL of 20 specialist maths teachers for primary schools can be trained at the University of Worcester after it was awarded places under a Government drive to improve the subject.

For more information on training visit www.worcester.ac.uk or for an application form call 01905 855111 or email admissions@worc.ac.uk

Pictures wanted

A BLACK Country artist is appealing for equestrian pictures for a charity Christmas card in aid of the Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund. Contact artist Sarah Stokes at: info@dy3.co.uk.

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NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

FORGET minimum pricing for alcohol, coffee abuse is the real menace we need to get to grips with if the latest advertisement for the Costa chain is anything to go by.

To those who haven't yet had the joy, a young coffee-shop worker appears to have imbibed so much of the dreaded caffeine that he starts hallucinating about a line-up of people buried up to their neck in coffee beans, their disembodied heads all nodding manically to a sinister soundtrack including the lyric: In the darkness, there's so much I wanna do.

A man, who it should be noted, bears a worrying resemblance to the fellow in the Cortina who used to hang around school gates in those old "Say No To Strangers" public information broadcasts from the 1970s.

I have long suspected that little good comes out of these trendy coffee-shop chains which always seem to be packed with earnest young people who take life very seriously, and it has often struck me that they would be far happier down the pub.

I always assumed they were plotting some sort of global revolution, some new world order where war is a thing of the past, apples are for all alike, and everybody lives in peace and happiness.

But, thanks to the Costa adverts, we now realise that their plans are altogether darker. They are all harbouring twisted fantasies about burying us alive in coffee beans while listening to Kiss's greatest hits.

Which puts a spot of light brawling on a Saturday night into perspective.

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BLACK Country mon goes into the hardware shop to buy some paintbrush cleaner.

"Ave yo' gorr any terps?" he asks. "Ar," replies the assistant. "Yo' want VHS or Betamax."

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IN what surely sounds like an early April Fool's Day prank, it emerges that the police-backed Crimestoppers organisation is to distribute scratch-and-sniff cards scented with cannabis across the West Midlands force area.

Apparently, the idea is that by making people more familiar with the sweet smell of marijuana, they are more likely to notice whether or not they are living next to a drugs factory.

You would not think it was beyond the wit of even the most incurious neighbours to wonder whether the pungent odour emanating from the empty house next door is a symptom of some sort of nefarious goings-on. But no, it seems that we have all got to get a whiff of the exotic tobacco, just to be sure, you understand.

Presumably the scratchcards will be harmless enough, but has it not crossed anyone's mind that some people, particularly the young, will view them as a little more than a free sample.

Sergeant Marc Bullas of the Dudley re-offending management team

Members of the re-offending management team at Brierley Hill police station

Teamwork breaks the cycle of re-offending

The Dudley borough policing team has been praised for its success in tackling re-offending. **ALEX ROSS** reports

CRIMINAL re-offending is being tackled better in Dudley borough, which includes Stourbridge, than it is in any other local authority area in the country, according to new figures.

And the borough's policing team is an example to follow for forces across the country.

The borough's re-offending management police team was described as the "beacon for Dudley" by Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Yvonne Mosquito during a visit to officers.

The figures from the Ministry of Justice showed adult re-offending in Dudley was 31 per cent lower than Government predictions, making it the best performing local authority area in England and Wales.

Mrs Mosquito, who was appointed with her boss Bob Jones last year, spent time with officers at Brierley Hill police station with the force's Deputy Chief Constable Dave Thompson last week.

Integrated

She told officers: "I am very proud of you all. You have done very well and I hope we can use you as a model for the whole of the West Midlands.

"You are at the top of the top division for your work, you are the beacon for Dudley."

The figures follow a six-figure investment 18 months ago which, despite cuts to the police service, was pushed through to help the force bring down re-offending.

Within the integrated offender management service, six-officer teams are responsible for each of the three borough wards – Dudley North, Dudley South and Stourbridge and Halesowen. Linking with partnership agencies such as Dudley Council and the West Midland Probation Service, the teams follow high and medium risk criminals through a computing system.

Deputy Chief Constable Dave Thompson, left, Inspector Eddie Boyle, and Deputy PCC Yvonne Mosquito, at Brierley Hill police station

Low risk criminals are monitored by neighbourhood policing teams.

The system allows the offender management service to continually score each criminal and take intervention action when necessary. Measures include home visits and drug rehabilitation.

Each ward in the borough has about 35 high-risk and 125 medium-risk offenders. Mr Thompson said: "Thanks to the investment we were able to triple the number of officers on the service across the force. We did this, despite the cuts, because we believe this is a key priority for the force.

"A lot of their work is done behind the scenes and won't be seen by the public, but it is working and the re-offending rate in the Dudley borough and across the force is dropping.

"This results in an overall crime reduction."

He added: "I'm delighted with the work done by everyone here. It proves that with the right investment focused on the right area, real results can happen."

Future investment is to be made into the service's ICT system which provides graphs showing each monitored offender's criminal activity and the interventions which have taken place.

Supporting the police are a wide range of partnership agencies including Dudley Council, the probation service, Cranstoun housing association and the NHS.

Cranstoun is a contractor which manages drug rehabilitation centre Atlantic House, in Dudley Road, Dudley, and a drop-in drug support service at The Gallery, in Castle Street, Dudley.

Team leader Steven Perrin said the service at Atlantic House supported about 850 drug users, offering overdose management, drug testing and help surgeries as well as treatment.

He said: "The success of the figures is down to the close partnership between the police and all the agencies."

Addictions

The Gallery was set up primarily to help people affected by drug or alcohol addiction and it provides support through groups and recovery sessions. Mr Perrin said: "We are here to help people change their lives, leave behind their addictions and create stable lives."

Integrated offender management service member Clive Steedman praised the work of the partner agencies.

He said: "The key to our success is that we all work together. When someone needs help, it cannot just come from the police. It has to be a team effort from all angles of that person's life to help them change."

As well as the low re-offending rates, police in Dudley can also boast of a drop in crime, including a fall in burglary rates of 40 per cent.

Neighbouring teams in Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Solihull and Birmingham have also seen a drop in crime rates over the past decade.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

THE search began in Wolverhampton to find companies to take on unemployed youngsters as part of the government's new Youth Training Scheme. It replaced the Young Opportunities Programme, which had been criticised due to some employers giving youngsters mundane jobs.

DUDLEY council tenants and home owners were urged to rent out their spare rooms to cope with a predicted 50,000 tourists a week in the borough.

Council chiefs spent £30,000 publicising attractions such as Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Museum, but were concerned about the dearth of bed and breakfast accommodation.

BRITISH Rail opened a new multi-million pound train station in Oldbury. The Sandwell and Dudley station was expected to cost around £2 million.

1993...

COUNCIL workers in Wolverhampton were facing up to a complete ban on smoking at their desks. Under proposed changes special smoking areas would be provided for staff desperate to light up. However, a report to the council's personnel committee warned this could cost a packet.

EVERY job vacancy in Staffordshire was being chased by around 64 people, as unemployment in the county soared. A report by the Staffordshire Economic Monitor revealed that unemployment in the county shot up by 18 per cent to 48,000. However, unemployment in the region was still lower than the national average.

LENNY Henry was named BBC Personality of the Year by the Television and Radio Industries Club.

2003...

A WOLVES-MAD mother-of-three was jumping for joy after scooping a National Lottery jackpot to win £2,000 every month for the rest of her life. Cafe worker Carol Hellend from Wednesbury matched three scratchcard symbols.

A SIXTH-FORMER at a Wolverhampton school was rewarded with a watch – after not missing a single lesson in more than five years. Jonathan Ball clocked up the attendance record at Northicote School, Bushbury.

COUNCIL leaders in Wolverhampton mounted a costly new bid to woo reluctant voters back to the polls. A special guide to voting, costing around £20,000 to produce, was distributed to 100,000 homes across the city in the run up to council elections.

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LETTERS

Astounded over Burnt Tree plans

I WAS absolutely astounded when I saw the plans for the redevelopment of the Burnt Tree Intersection, especially when I saw that it was to cost £12.3 million.

Some half a century previously myself and others were surprised that the A4123 was not to pass under the A412 and the A461.

This is what the money should have been used for when the last changes were made.

An island could have been formed over the A4123. With this in place there would have been little or no congestion, (at present there are long queues).

With an island in place two sets of traffic lights would have been eliminated.

In order for shoppers to access Tesco they would have been able to go around the island and return the other side of the A4123 and turn left into the store, (hence not having to cross the traffic line taken by those travelling towards Wolverhampton).

With an island in place anyone exiting the store should have only be allowed to turned left as they could use the Island to go to their right, (again reducing congestion and speeding up travel time). I am sure this would not have cost more then the present system of traffic lights.

There are other areas in Dudley where with a little more thought congestion would have been reduced. An example of this is the area around Russells Hall Hospital and the end of the Dudley Bye pass. Here there should have been a gyratory system in order to stop traffic having to cross paths, (thus cutting down journey time).

When are the planners going to reduce congestion instead of being responsible for it?

MR D WINTERBORN
Dudley

Wonderful afternoon of singing by schools

I WOULD like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the Primary School Choirs Concert on March 7 at Dudley Town Hall organised by the Jessons School. It was a very pleasant afternoon.

The commitment and dedication of the conductors shone through and the enthusiasm of the children had to be seen to be believed.

Their performances were spot on – across the board. The organisation of all the schools was smooth running. It was well worth the climb up two flights of steps to the balcony. The chamber choirs had excellent singing skills with toe-tapping performances.

Thank you all again for giving the children and audience alike a wonderful experience on a wet, winter's afternoon.

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Not such a good idea on hospital laundry

I AM intrigued to read of the intention of the management of Russells Hall Hospital to reduce expenditure by having staff wash their own uniforms.

It wasn't so long ago that strict instructions NOT to leave hospital premises in uniform were given so that working clothes could be laundered on site.

Reasons given for this were mainly to restrict the spread of infections such as C.diff, Norovirus, MRSA and other less ominous microbes. I assume these have not gone away.

It doesn't need any 'indelicate' listing of the body materials a nurse, say, may come in to contact with on a daily basis. It is more likely they will transmit pathogenic microbes, however unintentionally, to persons coming in contact with clothing. Clothing will probably have to be laundered separately and at maximum machine temperature. I assume all have washing machines and dryers.

Overall, and considering green issues, is it not far better from an environmental point of view to have one large specialised unit laundering staff clothes rather than hundreds of separate washing machines and tumble dryers whirring away all over the area?

DAVID ATKINSON, Kingswinford

Bedroom tax is just there to save cash

The Bedroom Tax is unfair in many respects and I do wish Ian Duncan Smith and others would stop trying to make out it is some kind of attempt at freeing up social housing.

It is a money saving measure and that's all. It must also be remembered that benefits are frozen meaning that to find the extra required, claimants are going to have to accept a fairly alarming decrease in living standards.

Now some will say "about time" I know and to an extent I would agree if we were talking exclusively about the feckless and the idle but this "reform" along with many others instigated by IDS punishes the genuinely sick, those who are not healthy enough to work will still be forced to pay for any extra bedrooms they have from benefits.

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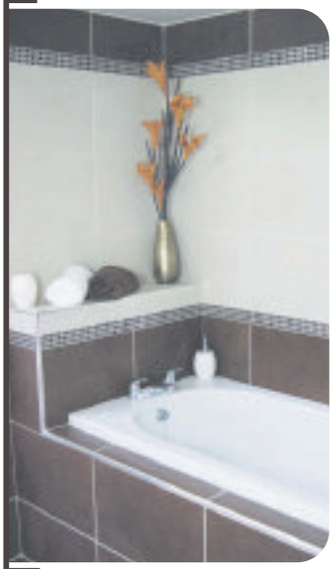

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Free parking move aims to boost market trade

PARKING charges are being scrapped for shoppers at an indoor market in the Black Country.

They will be able to park for free at Brierley Hill's Concord Market, which has a 70-space car park behind the indoor market, off High Street. The car park had previously been pay and display.

Market owner, Shane Birch-Bastock, says he hopes the free car parking trial will be a boost for the town's economy.

He said: "Our car park is only a small one but if we don't do something, then who will? Putting up car parking charges is not the answer. We need to try to make the town busier and bring more shoppers in."

Mr Birch-Bastock said he started charging for car parking in about 2004 and charged people £1 to park their cars, but customers using his market could get the money refunded when they bought goods from the market. He said: "We know there might be some revenue lost from this move but we're hoping this will be off-set by the increase in business.

"It is for any shoppers to park there but if it gets abused we'll just stop it. We're thinking of people just coming for an hour or two while they do their shopping and then going again. If it's ram-packed every day after two weeks then we can't continue. But if every other car-park in the town decided to do the same, how brilliant that would be."

Appeal to find relatives

Family members are being sought by the Black Country Coroner's Office after a Wednesfield woman died. Hilda Patricia Gloria Hill, aged 80, died at her home in Peartree Lane on March 5. It is believed she had a twin, Peter, who was last known to be living in Lichfield.

Staff at the office also believe Peter had a son. They are hoping to track down relatives. Anyone with information should call 0845 352 7490.

Having a rhinos about

Boss Bob Lawrence and animal keeper Steph Hodson at West Midland Safari Park, feeding Indian rhinos Sophie and Ram

VISITORS to West Midland Safari Park are being invited to have a behind-the-scenes look at the attraction's rhino facilities as part of a scheme to highlight the poaching epidemic in Africa.

Over the next few weekends, the attraction is giving people tours of its Indian rhino enclosure so they can ask questions and see the effort that goes into looking after the animals.

The tour costs £25, with the money raised boosting the park's research centre in Namibia.

It is in response to the launch of a campaign by Defra to bring an end to poaching in Africa called If They're Gone. On average, a rhino dies every 11 hours on the continent and almost 1,000 elephants are killed each week. A total of 670 rhinos were killed last year in Africa.

Safari Park wildlife director Bob Lawrence said: "We welcome the opportunity to open up the facility and take people behind the scenes so they can see the work that is taking place at the park.

"We have nothing to hide. We want to show people the care that goes into looking after these animals."

The 100 sq ft enclosure that people are being shown, houses the park's two Indian rhinos Sophie and Ram. It is has a rubber floor, to protect the animals' delicate feet.

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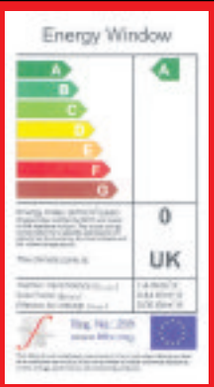

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NEWS

Club officially opened

Young players, civic dignitaries and club officials in the dressing room of the revamped clubhouse

The clubhouse at Stoubridge Cricket Club

CHANGING rooms and shower facilities at Stourbridge Cricket Club have been officially reopened after a £42,000 revamp.

Dudley Mayor Councillor Melvyn Mottram cut a ribbon to conclude the completion of the improvements on Saturday. The opening brings to a close an ambitious five-year development plan at the club.

Other parts of the scheme have seen the building of a community practice facility and restoration of the clubhouse roof to its original 1920s look.

The club has also expanded its junior section as part of the plan and installed renewable energy technologies.

Mark Ashbourne, the club's grants and sponsorship officer, said the club had turned around its fortunes with the new developments.

"After all the work we have done, this really is the icing on the cake," he said. "A few years ago we were closed to being closed down because the club was in such bad shape. Now it just looks completely different. You wouldn't recognise it. We are really pleased."

Hippodrome campaigners drawing up benefit list

CAMPAIGNERS fighting to save Dudley Hippodrome are drawing up a list of town businesses they say would benefit from the venue reopening.

by Andrew Turton

They say that pubs, restaurants and also taxi businesses throughout Dudley would be boosted by customers spending money in the town as they attend performances at the theatre.

The Friends of Dudley Hippodrome say surveys claim visitors spend at least £10 extra with neighbouring businesses when coming to shows at town centre theatres.

The group projects that around £4million in additional income would be brought into Dudley by guests to the Hippodrome annually.

Dudley Council officials sent the report to Herefordshire based consultants Artservice in January to analyse its viability. The report is expected back imminently.

Campaign spokesman Geoff Fitzpatrick has called on council bosses to think about "the bigger picture" rather than focusing on the presently boarded-up Castle Hill theatre.

"They have the chance to bring something different to Dudley and we are not looking to compete with Dudley Zoo or Black Country Living Museum – we would offer something that brings people in on night times which Dudley needs," he said.

"Restaurants, pubs, even taxi firms would benefit."

He added that fears visitors would be unable to use the rear car parks owned by the Dudley Zoo would not be a factor in the future for the venue.

Recently the owners of neighbouring JB's nightclub were told their customers would not have access to the car park on evenings.

He said the authority also needed to also consider the cost implications of demolishing the theatre which may impact on already tight budgets at the Council House.

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'Needless' traffic lights causing driver tailbacks

DRIVERS in Dudley claim they are facing delays of more than 30 minutes to travel just half-a-mile due to "horrendous" queues caused by controversial traffic lights.

Residents have long called for the signals at the junction of Amblecote High Street and Trefoil Gardens to be removed as they say they disrupt the flow of traffic. They are one of three sets of lights between Vicarage Road, in Amblecote, and Mill Race Lane, Stourbridge, a distance of only a few hundred yards. Plans to remove them were announced in 2011 but were scrapped by Dudley Council.

That followed a study which revealed the work would cost around £80,000.

But calls have now been raised again to take action over the "unnecessary" set of lights amid claims the problem with traffic at busy times is getting worse.

Dudley Council said it was aware of the situation and pledged to deal with the problem when cash became available.

Councillor Pat Martin said had been inundated with emails and messages from furious residents demanding something be done about the lights.

"I have experienced this problem myself," she said. "One day I turned out of Collis Street and it took more than half-an-hour to get to Vicarage Road – a journey of about a minute or so.

"This was because of the amount of traffic built up because of the lights at the junction of Trefoil Gardens."

Society talk on Cadbury

THE Black Country Society will hold its annual meeting on March 27, starting at 7.30pm. The event will take place at the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley and visitors are welcome.

After the meeting, speaker Alan Thornton will give a lecture and show an award-winning film titled The Cadbury Story.

Zumba ladies cause stir

Strutting their stuff – Zumba teacher Tracie Woodhall, front, leads the group's impromptu routine at Merry Hill

A "FLASH MOB" of dancing ladies – most of them grandmothers – surprised shoppers with a routine performed in all their finery after having a makeover.

The eight women, aged in their 50s and 60s, who go to Zumba classes run by Age UK Dudley's Springboard Project, pumped up the volume and strutted their stuff in the middle of the Merry Hill Shopping Centre.

They looked at their best, dressed in posh Jacques Vert outfits as though they had just stepped out of a wedding reception, with their make-up freshly applied by Boots and Marks & Spencer.

Age UK Dudley spokesman Sandy Jones said: "The atmosphere was brilliant and the ladies looked stunning in their outfits. It just proved fashion and feeling good is for everyone.

"Spectators were drawn in by the energy of the ladies and had the chance to win prizes through lucky envelopes being given out."

Retired Brierley Hill GP Dr Anne Bundred, aged 64, who lives in Kinver, was one of the Zumba flash mob.

She said: "We were all in mother-of-the-bride outfits, whereas we normally do Zumba wearing a pair of trousers and a T-shirt."

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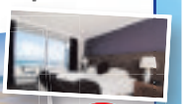

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NEWS

Soldier Rohit gets ready for challenge

Charity trek – captain Carl William-Fisher and sergeant Rohit Mohan with support staff

A SOLDIER will embark on the challenge of a lifetime when he travels from Oldbury to Mount Kilimanjaro in just 10 days.

Rohit Mohan, aged 36, from Dudley, has served in the army for 18 years. He will journey 10,500 miles to the African peak before climbing it with 12 of his colleagues to raise money for the Royal British Legion and Hire a Hero.

The group will begin their journey from Black Horse Car Sales in Churchbridge on July 18 crossing two continents and visiting 18 countries and will be writing a blog about their experiences. Mr Mohan, who serves in the Adjutant General Corps, said: "This is something we have all wanted to do for a long time to raise money for these two great charities. Once we arrive in Africa, we will climb Kilimanjaro unsupported. For more information visit www.hahkili2013.com or contact via email at info@hahkili2013.com

Postie kept hundreds of letters 'out of stupidity'

A POSTMAN has admitted hoarding mail after hundreds of postal packets were discovered at his and his ex-girlfriend's homes.

by Alex Ross

Jamie Paterson said it "was out of stupidity" he kept hold of the 486 addressed letters and 161 door-to-door leaflets during two stints serving as a postman in Brierley Hill and Kidderminster. Paterson was also found to have kept 23 Lovefilm DVD packages, including two which had been opened and were missing contents.

Appearing at Dudley Magistrates' Court, Paterson, aged 38, pleaded guilty to delaying post and theft.

District Judge Michael Wheeler said Paterson had betrayed the trust of the public and sent the case to Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentencing.

Mr John Dove, prosecuting for Royal Mail, told the court Paterson, of Sedgley Road East, Tipton, had first worked as a postman for eight days in Kidderminster in July 2008.

He then worked for almost two years in Brierley Hill from November 2010 until October last year, when his former partner found bags of unopened mail Paterson had put in her garage in Brierley Hill.

In total, 296 addressed letters and packages were found along with 110 door-to-door promotional leaflets, some dating back to 2008 and addressed to homes in Kidderminster.

Police then found 190 letters and packages and 51 leaflets dating back as far as March 2011 at his home address in Tipton. These included 23 Lovefilm DVD packages.

Mr Dove said: "In police interview Mr Paterson was somewhat equivocal in explanation for what had happened.

"He said he had an argument with his ex-girlfriend, went to her home address and said he must have accidentally left mail and forgotten about it.

Mrs Vanita Joshi, defending, said he had not opened any of the mail, but admitted he had breached the trust of the public.

Paterson will be sentenced at the crown court on April 12.

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NEWS

78 jobs are lost as sofa firm hit by cash problem

NEARLY 80 workers have been made redundant after the collapse of a furniture firm in Kingswinford – just six months after it was saved from another crisis.

Cashflow problems led to administrators being appointed in a bid to rescue upholstery manufacturer The Sofa Club, which was previously known as Kevin France Upholstery.

But it has now been revealed that a buyer could not be found for the business this time round and the factory has shut down.

The Sofa Club in First Avenue, on the Pensnett Trading Estate, was formed when TD Upholstery Ltd bought Kevin France Upholstery last August for £55,000.

It was a "pre-pack" deal, a term used for a quick sale of a company, negotiated before administrators are appointed.

The furniture firm then slimmed down from 100 workers to 78.

However, the business ran into difficulties again and the directors called in Stephen Clancy and Philip Duffy of worldwide financial advisory and investment banking firm Duff & Phelps.

The joint administrators, who were appointed on February 22, tried in vain to find a buyer but eventually had to make all 78 staff redundant four days later.

Stephen Clancy, of Duff & Phelps, said: "We were appointed to sell the business as a going concern and had discussions with a number of interested parties.

"However, the negotiations were ultimately unsuccessful."

Group's new meeting day

A CHILDREN'S group at Stourbridge's St Thomas's Church has changed its meeting day. Thom's Tots group is for pre-school children and will now meet at the church on Market Street on Tuesdays from 1.45pm until 2.45pm. All pre-school children accompanied are welcome. For more information call 01384 394185.

Teenagers boxing clever

Ashley Blagrove and Heather Fisher work out at the boxing club

TEENAGERS have been learning the ropes at a Dudley boxing club.

Twelve teenagers from Wolverhampton's Westcroft School have been attending weekly sessions at Priory Park Boxing Club.

They are coached by Richard Ghent with the aim of improving their concentration and behaviour.

Mr Ghent, aged 25, said: "These kids aren't the average kids you'd see walk into a boxing gym. They're children who just need an extra bit of help. They don't do full boxing but they do partner-work so there's no contact really. It helps them with their concentration and controlling aggression." Westcroft School, on Greenacres Avenue, is for pupils with special educational needs. These can be medical or behavioural.The teenagers are aged between 13 and 16. Mr Ghent said they had arrived at the boxing club with a range of issues, mainly with their behaviour or motivation.

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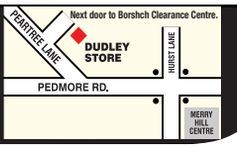

THE WAY I SEE IT

Exports and investments are the key to creating jobs

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views

"Yes, times are tough, and yes, there are calls for us to turn back, give up, give in.

"But as Conservatives know, nothing worthwhile is easily won."

I INVITED local businesses to attend a reception this week in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office hosted by the Foreign Secretary, the Rt. Hon. William Hague MP, along with a major export conference hosted by trade minister Lord Green.

It was delightful that major local employers Mechatherm and Westfield Sportscars attended these major UK Trade & Investment events.

Boosting exports from our area is a major way of providing employment.

I enjoyed several visits starting with one to three of Stourbridge College's four sites in Dudley South for a tour of the facilities and a discussion about providing the skills local employers need and training the workforce of the future.

Communications

During the visit I was accompanied by Kim Babb, Skills Director, and Mags Winthrop Communications Co-ordinator at the college.

For more information visit www.bskills.org.

With National Apprenticeships Week underway I was delighted to present the Carillion Apprentice of the Year award at the Stourbridge College ATC in Brierley Hill.

For more information about Apprenticeships Week see www.apprenticeships.org.uk.

Afterwards I really enjoyed presenting an award at the Dudley Youth Awards at Dormston Mill Theatre in Sedgley.

It was a really enjoyable evening and great to see community engagement and responsibility amongst young people being recognised in this way. Congratulations to all the finalists.

This Government's driving mission is to help Britain succeed in the tough global race we're in.

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Building a buoyant economy that invents, makes and sells things again. Creating the good, decent jobs that young people need.

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So we are rejecting the easy ways out. We are sticking to the course. We are going to finish the job we started to get our economy – and our country – fighting fit and standing tall.

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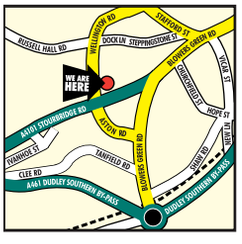

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MEMORY LANE

Volunteer Gladys Harvey, back left, outside the canteen at Brocton Camp

One of the sketches contained in the autograph book

A photograph of First World War soldiers walking along Penkridge Bank, Rugeley

Gladys Harvey in 1918 while she was volunteering

Getting glimpse of life at war training camp

by Kirsten Rawlins

IT contains cartoons, messages and poems scribbled down by soldiers and gives a unique insight into life during the First World War.

And now the autograph book belonging to Gladys Harvey will go on display at Shugborough Hall Museum next year to mark the centenary of the conflict.

Gladys was a volunteer in her early 20s in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), working in the canteen on the Brocton Camp, Cannock Chase, between 1917 and 1918.

While there, soldiers would regularly make entries in her book.

Examples of these include a cheeky cartoon depicting Gladys picking blueberries, as well as caricatures of soldiers. It is also filled with humorous poems and rhymes.

One reads: "The happiest moments of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife (my mother)."

This was left by a G Mainland on December 12, 1918.

A more melancholy entry is a poem left by Gladys herself in October 1917.

It says: "I walked by myself, talked to myself, and that very same self said to me, look after thyself, take care of thyself, as nobody cares for thee."

The book was donated to the county of Staffordshire by Gladys' son-in-law in 1995 following her death.

Museum development officer Helen Johnson, described the book as "unique in bringing the whole conflict to life".

She added: "This is such a unique object in our collections at the museum.

"It is a fascinating piece of history telling us about one individual's experiences working at the Brocton Camp.

"It's full of quirky poems and pictures and some quite emotive notes from soldiers who wrote in it.

"It's a terribly fascinating item which we really treasure in our collection. It brings the whole conflict to life by having something which you can hold and read."

The First World War training camps over the Chase were the biggest in Europe, with thousands of men travelling there from across the UK and further afield to prepare for life on the front line.

A Scottish soldier goes into battle as depicted in one sketch

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NEWS

Apprentices get chance to show off their skills

Mayor of Dudley Melvyn Mottram and his wife Michelle meet the apprentices

CONSTRUCTION apprentices pitted their new skills against each other in a series of challenges aimed at celebrating industry in the Black Country.

Bricklaying, plumbing and carpentry tasks were among those organised through college tutors to mark National Apprentice Week.

Stourbridge College's Advanced Technology Centre hosted the construction leg of the week-long trades challenge series which was touring the region.

Apprentices learning their trade at Stourbridge, Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell and Wolverhampton colleges showed their new skills.

Among the tasks was a four-hour challenge for plumbers to hang a radiator and bend the connecting pipework into place before it was marked by expert judges.

Winning apprentices received top prizes donated by firms from the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Melvyn Mottram.

Dudley Council apprentice Dan Crump, of Oak Barn Road, Halesowen, won the carpentry and joinery section.

The 22-year-old who is doing his courses at Stourbridge College said: "It has been a good day and a good experience to work under the pressure of the competition."

Fellow Stourbridge College student Anthony Parkes, aged 19, of Eveson Road, Norton, Stourbridge, took part in the plumbing section. He was originally taking a graphic design course but had second thoughts and decided on plumbing with the help of his father Mick who is in the trade.

Sweet-talking audience

SUGAR production in Kidderminster will be placed under the spotlight during a talk for Clent History Society later this month. Robert Barber will present the talk on March 28 at Clent Parish Hall at 8pm. He is closely involved with Kidderminster Civic Society's Historic Buildings Project and has made a study of the town's sugar industry.

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

School leavers trying out college taster sessions

School leavers looking to take the next step after college can try taster sessions at Stourbridge College

Rachael Platt secures her dream job with Thomson

STOURBRIDGE College is inviting school leavers who have applied for selected courses, to a range of exciting have-a-go skills events at the Merry Hill Centre.

Having recently been rated 'good' by Ofsted, and with success rates which are significantly higher than the national average, school leavers are being offered a flavour of college life before they start their courses in September.

Anyone who has applied to study early years, care and uniformed public services this September, will be personally invited to the Black Country Skills Shop, next door to Quest, at the Merry Hill Centre on Wednesday, March 27 between 5pm and 9pm.

Exciting

Find out about the exciting programme of trips and visits here and abroad, plans for the new Centre of Excellence as well as receiving vouchers off uniforms and support with CRB application forms.

Local girl, Rachael Platt, is flying high having secured her dream job after completing her Childcare Level 3 course at Stourbridge College.

Rachael has landed a job as a children's representative for holiday company Thomson and will soon be jetting off overseas this April to start her new role.

Gill Coldicott, assistant principal for students and recruitment, said: "We're putting on a variety of taster sessions for school leavers who have applied for various courses at Stourbridge College.

"We also have a series of taster events being held over Easter at our Hagley Road Centre for potential A-Level students as well as music, art and design, business and IT and performing arts."

Applicants will be personally invited to the events at the Black Country Skills Shop and at the Hagley Road Centre but anyone interested in studying courses at Stourbridge College, aged between 16 and 18, is welcome to drop in to the centres for advice and guidance.

Full details and registration forms can be found at www.stourbridge.ac.uk or telephone 01384 344400 for more information about courses.

Plumbing apprentice Anthony Parkes was keen to earn while he was studying for an apprenticeship with his dad's business

Try your hand before applying for courses

School leavers who have applied for construction and motor vehicle courses, including painting and decorating, carpentry and joinery, electrical installation, plumbing, brickwork and the built environment have been invited to have a go at two events being held in April.

Workshops are being held between 10am and 4pm at the Black Country Skills Shop on Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, April 13.

Find out about free personal protection equipment, trade discount cards and the Centre of Excellence.

Plumbing apprentice, Anthony Parkes was keen to start earning while he was learning and decided to leave the graphics course he was studying for at Halesowen College to work as a plumbing apprentice for his dad's firm, MA Parkes Heating & Plumbing.

He landed first prize for plumbing at the college's National Apprentice Week competition and recently bagged second prize in the national HIPEX competition.

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CLUB NEWS

Howe's that for a name?

MYTIME OVER FIFTIES

MYTIME Over Fifties met for the first time this year in February as the January meeting had to be cancelled due to the bad weather.

There was a large group of members and visitors eager to hear David Howe asking "What is a Name?"

He gave many facts about the origins of names. Did you know, for example, that the "nick" as in nicknames, derived from 14th century "eke" meaning "also"?

British surnames derive from one of four sources, personal appearance/behaviour like White; from a job such as Taylor or Baker; a place, for instance Bradley – meaning a clearing or son of, eg Jenkinson.

Some names also derive from French and Latin sources and over time gradually changed as there was no set spelling. Even Shakespeare spelt his name five different ways and Cameron was originally "crooked nose".

Mr Howe's talk was fascinating and funny.

MyTime Over Fifties meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the Amblecote Room at Stourbridge Town Hall.

The next meeting is on March 27 when the subject will be "Mother Theresa and Calcutta" by Marilyn Bose.

For further information phone Graham on 01384 393483 or Audrey on 01384 864223

Thanks a bundle for speaker's straw talk

Club president Jean Corns and chairman Mary Jones with speaker Peter Shelley

DUDLEY SOUTH LADIES LUNCH CLUB

CHAIRMAN Mary Jones welcomed 38 members to the March meeting at the Kingfisher Hotel, Wall Heath to enjoy a three-course lunch and hear speaker Peter Shelley talk about "A handful of Straw".

He began by demonstrating how to make a corn dolly. His interest began in 1974 and he has been making objects since. He passed around glory braids, cornucopia, horseshoes, crosses, Christmas angels,a horse and a doll and told of his travels to Russia and Minsk where corn craft is highly valued.

The 2013/14 programme includes a solicitor, a former mayor, the Life of Frank Sinatra and fingerprinting. An outing has been booked to Stratford and a coffee morning at the home of Ann & Mike Rogers.

Best wishes were sent to retiring president Elsie Billingsley and a warm welcome to new president Jean Corns.

Chairman drops bombshell

K'FORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

CHAIRMAN Audrey Phipps welcomed everyone to the 26th AGM including the speaker Peter Moodie, who gave a fascinating talk about the history and work at the Beacon Centre for the Bind, near Wolverhampton

Audrey announced that a member, Wendy Parfitt, had died and several members had attended her funeral. A minute's silence was held in her memory.

Minutes of the 2012 AGM were read and approved. Committee members were elected en bloc.

Audrey thanked everyone for their loyalty and hard work before dropping the bombshell that after 30 plus years she was standing down as chairman, to be replaced by Shelia Evans.

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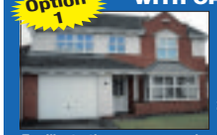

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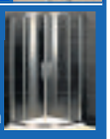

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NEWS

New crop of hair salons hoping to cut recession

A CROP of new hairdressers has moved into Stourbridge town centre – and local traders hope it shows a new wave of optimism for the struggling High Street.

Two new barbers have opened in the town along with a unisex salon – bringing the total number of hairdressers in the middle of Stourbridge to 15.

While the town has 36 empty shops among around 250 businesses, many traders are pinning their hopes on the expected opening of the £50 million Tesco store o bring a fresh lease of life.

Newcomer Jimmy Trims in High Street opened in December in the former Stables & Co solicitors' building.

Mimzy Khatkar, who co-owns Jimmy Trims with his brother, Bally, said: "Stourbridge is a decent High Street and we could afford the rent here."

In Market Street, another gents' hairdresser, Labichi, recently opened in a former art shop. Owner Hassan Labichi, aged 53, originally from Morocco.

He said: "I've brought my customers with me and obviously hope that when Tesco opens it will attract more. There probably are too many hairdressers in the town now – but the good ones will survive."

A spokesman for Mad Hackers, which has opened at the former Polka Dot Paradise shop on the corner of High Street and Market Street, said the prospect of the new Tesco had given them the confidence to launch a new business. Established hairdressers say they are not unduly worried by competition from the newcomers.

Vintage – Mimzy Khatkar, co-owner of Jimmy Trims in the High Street

All smiles as Hassan Labichi cuts the hair of customer Ben Stanton, 25,

Food documentary show

A DOCUMENTARY showing a food experiment in Venezuela is to be shown at The Duke William in Stourbridge on March 22. Growing Change looks at how the control of food is held with communities, and not with corporations, in the South American country. The film starts at 7.30pm.

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REVIEWS

Top marks for efforts

Footloose, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

TOP marks for Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company's excellent production. Amazing vocals and slick dance routines showcased the incredible talents of this energetic young cast.

David Walters and Holly Stringfellow were perfect as Ren and Ariel. Also strong were Chris Wolverson, Rose Lister and Kathryn Fisher. Alec White was brilliant as Willard and there were exceptional vocals from Franchesca Fogoe, Niamh Allen and Claudia Gilmour. **Les Jowett**

Legends start the party

The Dublin Legends, Town Hall, Birmingham

THE Dublin Legends, made up of the remnants of the legendary Dubliners, kicked off the Second City's St Patrick's celebrations

Sean Cannon, Patsy Watchorn, Eamonn Campbell and Gerry O'Connor brought old familiars – and a few new twists – to an appreciative crowd.

Fans lapped up a string of Dubliners favourites before the band went out with Irish Rover, Whiskey In The Jar and threw in Wild Rover as an encore.

Danny Farragher

Mystery over accent

Roddy Woomble, Glee Club, B-ham

IT'S flying in the face of general opinion but, based on this performance, it's hard to see if Roddy Woomble deserves the accolades that have been heaped on him. He is as Scottish as tartan and single malts so it's a mystery why he sings in a generic American accent.

His voice is good but not exceptional, there was a distinct lack of enthusiasm both from him and his audience and the harmonies with singer and fiddle player Seonaid Aitken didn't quite blend. **Danny Farragher**

Still playing with gusto

The Fureys and Davey Arthur, Concert Hall, Dudley

EVEN after more than 30 years of touring and recording, The Fureys have lost none of their gusto and they soon got the crowd warmed up with old favourite From Clare to Here.

They then toned it down with The Old Man, which Eddie and Finbar use as a poignant tribute to their dad.

The quartet mixed it up with a medley of jigs and reels, throwing in a little Scottish culture with Leezie Lindsay. Davey Arthur made his presence felt the with The Mad Lady and Me.

Another medley of jigs came before the first half finished with their biggest hit When You Were Sweet Sixteen.

One of the highlights was Finbar's own tune The Lonesome Boatman.

They finished off with some of their best known songs The Red Rose Cafe, Green Fields of France and then went out on Go Lassie Go.

Danny Farragher

Velvet voice from the Valleys is back

The Stereophonics, Wolverhampton Civic Hall

AFTER a spell away from the limelight, Welsh rockers The Stereophonics roared back into action at a full to capacity Civic Hall on Saturday.

And how the fans have missed them. It was good to hear a real band again, cranking out blistering guitar solos and shaking the venerable rock venue to its core. Singer, guitarist and chief songwriter Kelly Jones's sandpaper and velvet rasp is one of the classic rock voices. Opening with melodic rock anthem We Share The Same Sun, this was a gig in which old favourites were balanced by tracks from latest album, Graffiti On The Train. new songs, including Indian Summer and Roll The Dice, were embraced by the fans as enthusiastically as the older hits, including Maybe Tomorrow, Just Looking and Mr Writer.

Kelly Jones on stage

Despite Kelly teasing the crowd about Wales' rugby win over England, the powerhouse five-piece were welcomed back for an encore featuring Have A Nice Day and Dakota. They are at the LG Arena on November 19.

Leon Burakowski

More than just a one man band

The Script, LG Arena, Birmingham,

"TOGETHER we cry," sang Danny O'Donoghue and the hysterical girls in the front row took it literally when asked to join in.

However, rail operators hadn't read the script as their train cancellation meant we missed the start.

It mattered not in the end as Danny and co went through their big songs from albums one, two and #3. The set ended with Danny taking the stage with an Olympic-style torch for Hall of Fame.

Mark Sheehan and Glen Power proved the Dublin lads are not a one man band. Highlight for me was Danny calling a fan's ex to sing to him the song 'Nothing'.

Mark Shipp

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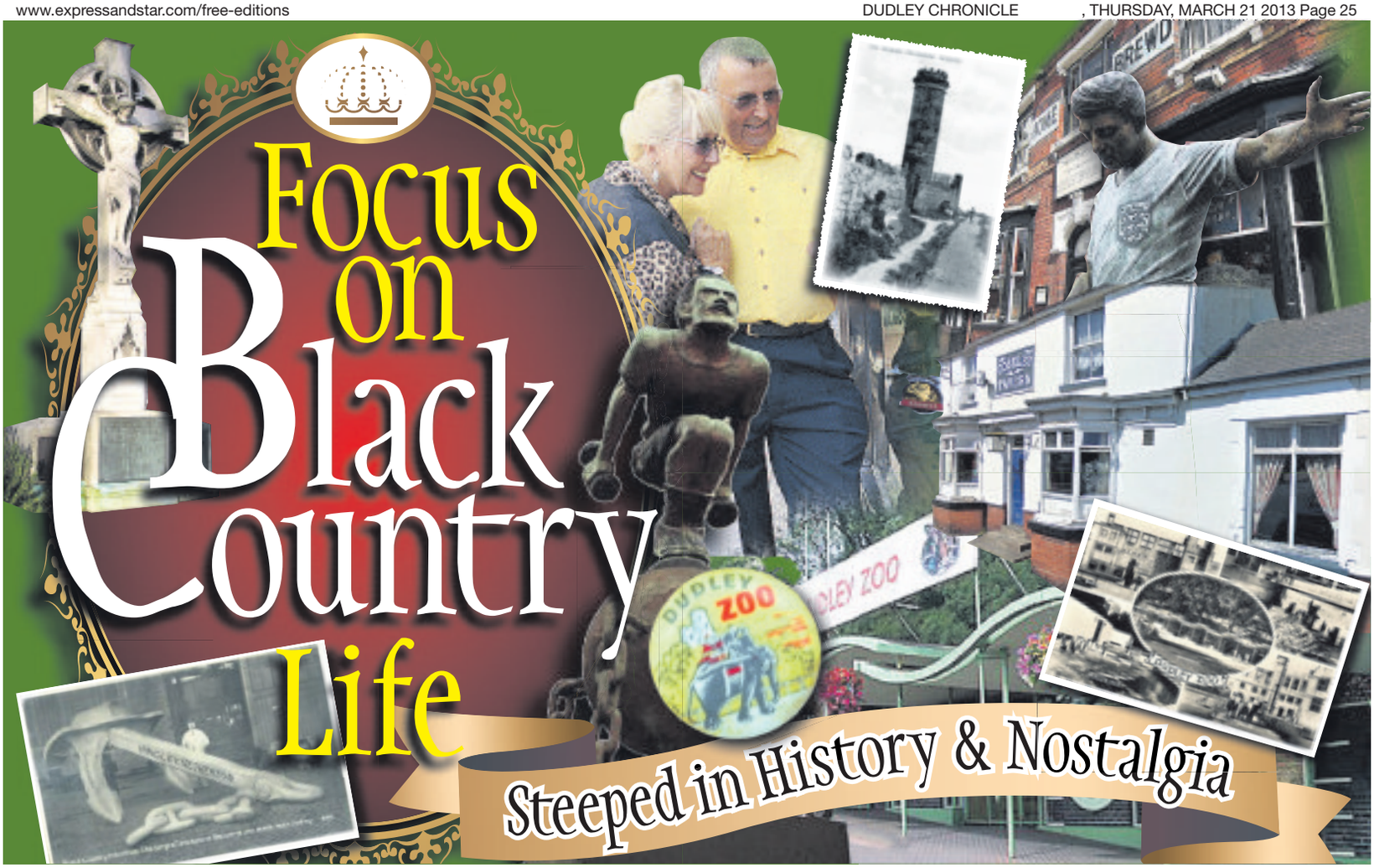

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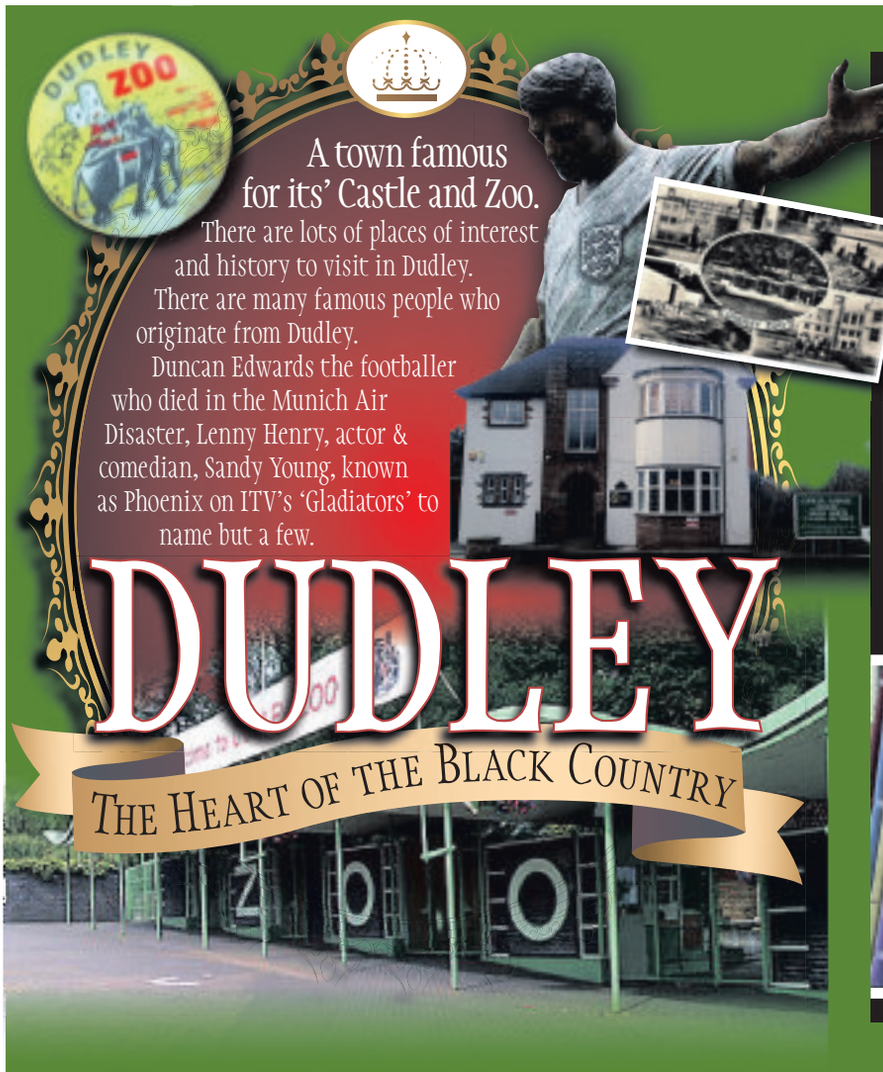

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Denturist Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng), who heads the teams at his North Street practice in Dudley and other clinics in Wolverhampton and Bearwood, says the invention has the potential to resolve issues with the poor stabilisation of dentures.

Prosthetics are held in place by tiny valve-operated suction devices which are built into the prescription. A clever diaphrams principle, triggered by the bite pressure on patients' gums, creates a 'sucking' vacuum between the soft-tissue mouth lining and the prosthetic.

Mr Burchell, whose clinics attracts patients from as far as Spain, the Isle of Skye and the Isle of Anglesey, adds: "The denture revolution is evolving at a pace. In recent times we have seen what I can describe only as strident steps forward with implant-retained dentures coming into main-stream dentistry, clever technology which allows excellent fitting outcomes and now the Ultra Suction product.

"Implant dentistry is not suitable for everyone, neither is it all patients' first preference.

'Toolbox'

"The beauty of this technology is that it can offer for the right patient excellent denture retainer qualities without the complex clinical procedures required for implant work.

"We have always endeavoured to be on the very cusp of clinical development and this is another tool in our commitment to always try to deliver results which are greater than patient expectations."

Historically, lower dentures can present stability problems as the jaw bone erodes with age. With traditional dentures this can cause lower teeth to move and create painful friction problems on gums.

Mr Burchell adds: "The device can be mounted on upper or lower palates and because of its efficiency allows us to consider a reduction in the size of the acrylic 'plate' which can result in improved speech and taste.

"The Ultra Suction kit increases the options in our clinical 'toolbox' and can provide affordable solutions to many patients who would not wish to pursue the stability resolve with implants.

"I remain passionate about the transformations good prosthetics can achieve."

Typically, patients will be encouraged to contribute their views to treatment plans and generally be assigned more than three-and-a-half clinical hours in achieving the best possible outcome.

Betty is free from pain after having implants

A WOMAN who had suffered years of pain with two jaw conditions has finally found relief after undergoing dental implant surgery.

Betty had worn dentures for many years but developed neuralgia and her trigeminal nerve had become inflamed.

"I had terrible jaw pain and suffered pins and needles in the side of my head and tongue. It's a terrible condition. I'd had an MRI scan and had seen a specialist, but was still without relief," she says.

Clinical dental technician Mr Burchell had made dentures for Betty seven years ago and she returned to his clinic to inquire about a new prescription because the lower denture had lost its stability.

"I had put up with the floating effect of my lower denture and needed to address the problem. My lower gum had receded so much my denture was pressing down on a nerve and causing me pain," she adds.

"Steven explained the benefits of implant-retained dentures and told me it would allow my bite to be opened some more. Since having the implants on my lower denture, I have experienced no more pain."

Mr Burchell said all dentures have a shelf life and Betty's denture problem was due to shrinkage of her gums – a naturally occurring aging process.

"We hoped for an improved outcome on her condition, but never dreamed that the final clinical result could be so rewarding with Betty being free from pain," he adds.

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A classic pub with a modern twist

The Bulls Head in Sedgley is a classic pub with a modern twist. Featured in the good beer guide, the pub serves real ale from traditional hand pulls but in 2011, landlords John and Jackie changed the direction of the pub and welcomed Mee's Thai restaurant.

The restaurant serves a traditional mix of Thai food by expert Haute cuisine chef Mee Sinprayakul. Ann Khotatha is the restaurant manager and she says "I've always had a passion for preparing and (serving) traditional Thai food as there's no one else in the area that does it"

Positive

She continues "Since opening the restaurant I've been overwhelmed by good feedback. We've had lots of reviews on TripAdvisor and they are all really positive! It's a great feeling when all our hard work gets rewarded like that"

The restaurant is open most days with a menu serving such classics as Neau Pad Prik Pow, Kang Massaman, Kang Paneng and Pla Nung Ma Now and don't forget, you can always enjoy a classic pint served from behind the bar. Mee is very particular in what ingredients are chosen and he makes sure they're fresh and is the only person in the area that imports them direct, every week.

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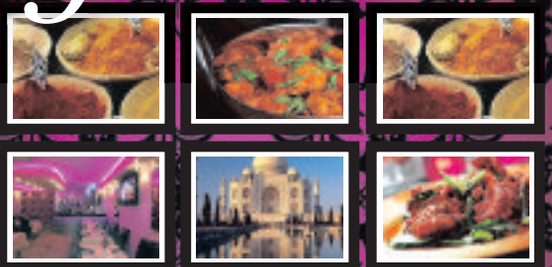

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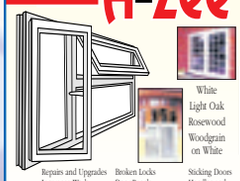

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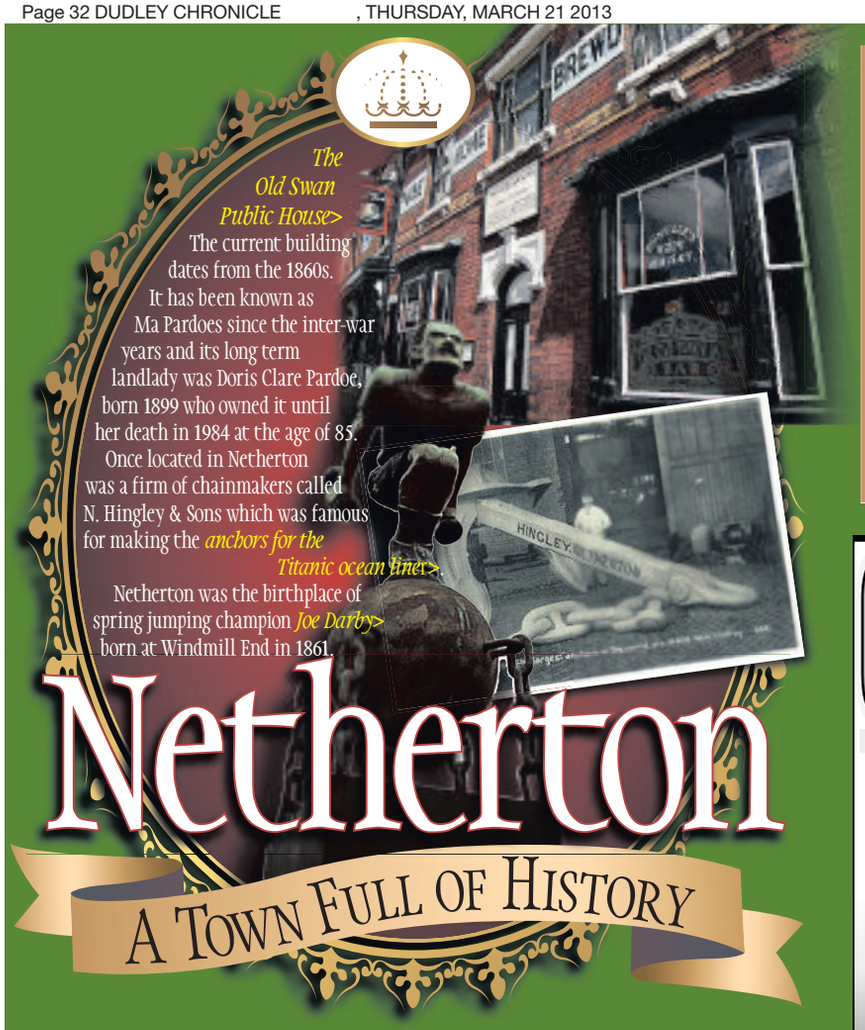

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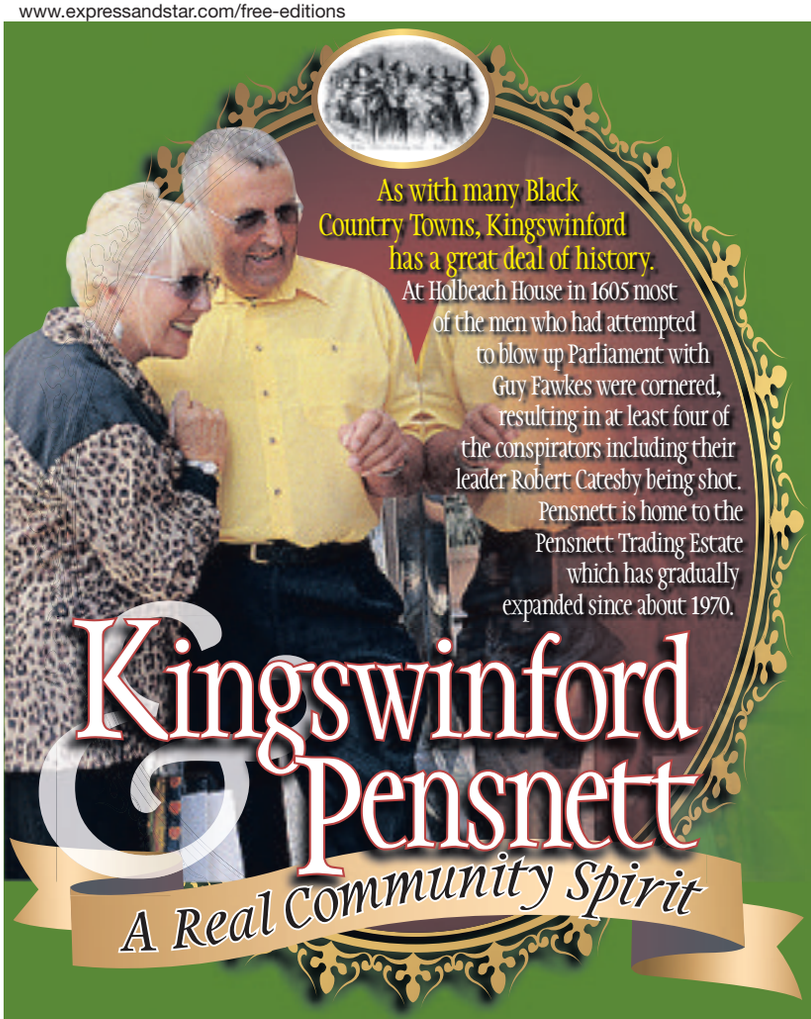

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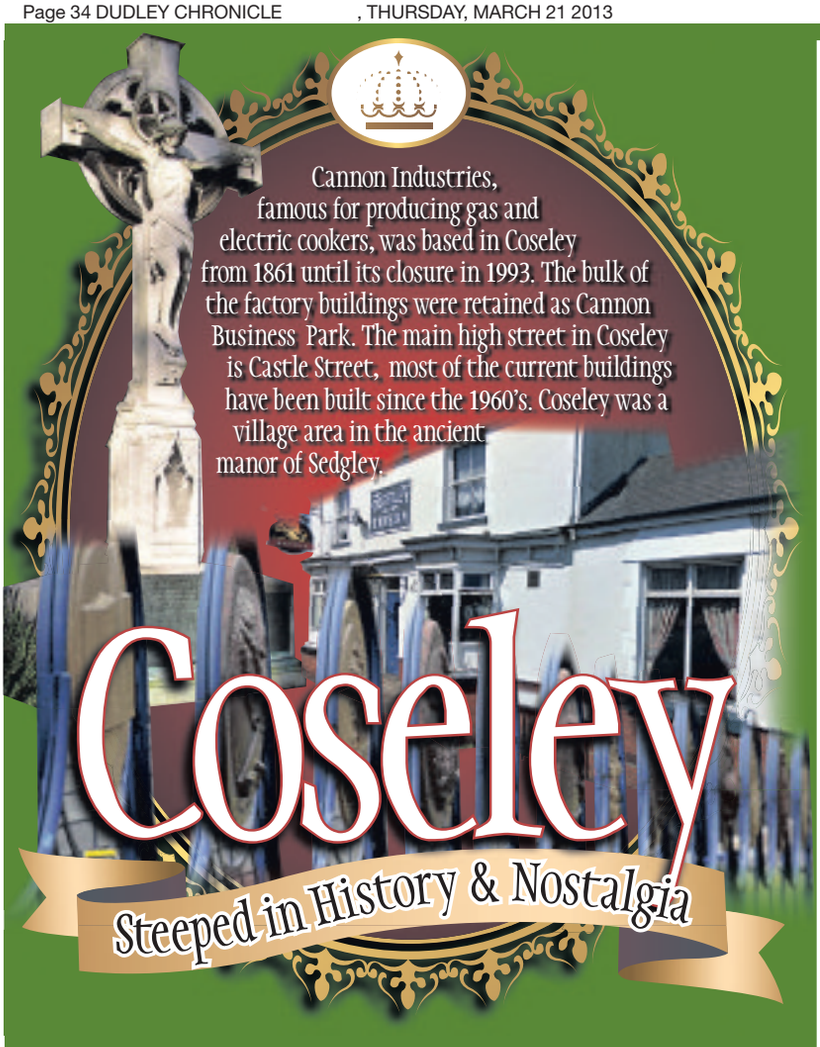
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STOURBRIDGE Theatre Company will be performing Jeffrey Archer's play Beyond Reasonable Doubt.

Shows will run until Saturday at Stourbridge Town Hall.

It was Archer's first play, which he wrote in 1987 following another victorious General Election for the Conservative Party with Margaret Thatcher at the helm.

The play opens at The Old Bailey where Sir David Metcalfe is accused of murdering his terminally ill wife. Tickets are £9 for all performances. Log on to www.stourbridgetheatrecompany.org.uk

Hall playing host to gentlemen choir

THE Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir is performing their spring concert at Dudley Town Hall on Saturday at 7.30pm.

The performance is compered by Susie Riddell, who plays Tracy Horrobin in Radio 4's Archers) and featuring Jean Martyn who was Britain's Got Talent finalist in 2011.

Other guests are Cotwall End Primary School Choir. Tickets are £10.

Time for Tarbuck

LIVERPUDLIAN veteran comedian Jimmy Tarbuck is coming to Dudley Town Hall later this year. The gap-toothed gagster will perform on September 23 from 7.30pm. Tickets are £23.

Veteran acts turn back the clock to rock again

SOME of the most popular rock bands from the 1980s and '90s are back on the road this spring with concerts planned in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Cult favourites The Inspiral Carpets and angry rockers Skunk Aanasie are both in action tonight (Thursday).

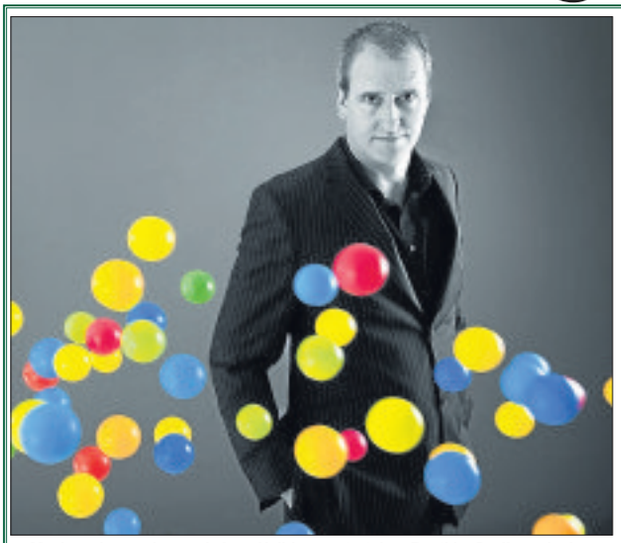
Clint Boon's Inspiral Carpets, favourites on the 'Madchester' scene recently released their first new material in 15 years, and will be peforming their debut album Life in its entirety at Birmingham's O2 Academy 2. Meanwhile, '90s favourites Skunk Anansie, fronted by the formidable Skin, have a gig at Wolverhampton Civic Hall.

Jim Kerr of Simple Minds

The Beat will be getting folks to Twist And Crawl at The Slade Rooms on Saturday, the same venue melodic punk legends The Buzzcocks play on April 4.

Jim Kerr's Simple Minds are back to claim a Glittering Prize on their greatest hits tour at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on April 6.

Mike Peters of The Alarm takes the singer role when Big Country play the Wulfrun Hall on April 24. James bring the Gathering Sound tour to Birmingham O2 Academy on April 25 with guests Echo And The Bunnymen. Synth pioneers OMD are at Birmingham Town Hall on April 29.



Music and surreal comedy from Hull-born entertainer Boothby Graffoe, who is a sometimes collaborator with Canadian band The Barenaked Ladies

Creative musical comedy

STAND-UP comedian and singer of surreal songs, the multi-talented and eccentric Boothby Graffoe, brings his unique musical comedy to the region this weekend.

His No Mad, No Sane Either tour calls at The Glee Club, in The Arcadian Centre, off Hurst Street, Birmingham, tonight (Thursday), doors open 8pm. Then he has a gig at Wolverhampton venue The Arena, in Wulfruna Street, tomorrow night (Friday) at 8pm.

Other comedy highlights include Justin Moorhouse at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton tonight (Thursday) and Richard Herring will be talking about an sensitive part of his anatomy at the same venue tomorrow night (Friday).

Best of Brum at Dudley Town Hall

A NEW show featuring the Best of Brum promises a night of great music, laughter and anecdotes.

The cast of stars who will be appearing at Dudley Town Hall on April 11 include Jasper Carrot, Bev Bevan (ELO), Trevor Burton (The Move), Geoff Turton (Rockin Berries), Joy Strachan-Brain (Quill) and Danny King plus 'the Bev Bevan Band'.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £25.00.

Legend Simpson lined up for club

STOURBRIDGE Folk Club in Dudley has lined up some fine acts with legendary folk artist Martin Simpson playing there on May 21.

Tickets are £12 and £14 and early booking is recommended.

Also appearing at the club are singer and storyteller Jess Morgan who will be playing there on April 16, tickets are £3 and the Kevin O'Regan band will be playing there on April 9.

Spikey words

TV star and stand-up comedian Dave Spikey is bringing his Words Don't Come Easy tour to Dudley Town Hall on April 13.

Spikey will be taking the lid off ridiculous newspaper stories and much more. The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18.50 and £16.50.

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What's On!

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CHOICE

Sarah Beeny

Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses
Channel 4, 7pm
Remember Property Ladder, when some of the would-be developers had seemingly sketched their renovation plans on the back of a beer mat, but still went on to make a healthy profit? Well, it seems those days are long gone – now Sarah Beeny is coming to the aid of people who are having trouble selling their own homes. According to the old rules of The House Doctor, Rebecca should have a head start, as her home is already neutral – but could it be that her love of magnolia is actually putting buyers off her detached house?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Formula 1 – Malaysian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.15** Richard Hammond's Secret Service. **2.55** Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Furious Five. **3.15 Film:** National Treasure. (2004) **5.15 Film:** Kung Fu Panda. (2008)

6.40 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Pointless Celebrities. A Doctor Who special, with contestants Sylvester McCoy, Bernard Cribbins, Jacqueline King, Andrew Hayden-Smith, Nicola Bryant, Sophie Aldred, Louise Jameson and Frazer Hines.

7.45 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. New series. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject.

8.40 Casualty. Robyn tries to save her friend's life after an accident at the fairground. Fletch and Aoife treat a drugged-up Easter bunny and Tom lands himself in hot water with Sam and Zoe.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes looks after a robotic baby. (R)

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.15 Film: The Proposal. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock.

12.00 The Football League Show. National Lottery Update. **12.35 Film:** Venom. (2005) **1.55** Weatherview. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** A History of Britain by Simon Schama. (R) **11.00** Meet the Ancestors. (R) **11.30** Map Man. (R) **12.00** Country Show Cook Off. (R) **12.30** Country Show Cook Off. (R) **1.00** Country Show Cook Off. (R) **1.30** Country Show Cook Off. (R) **2.00** Country Show Cook Off. (R) **2.30** Mastermind. (R) **3.00** University Challenge. (R) **3.30** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **4.20** Restoration Home. (R) **5.20 Film:** The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. (2005)

7.00 Flog It! People are invited to try to make money by selling their antiques at auction. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. Walmington-on-Sea leaves its mark on a visiting French general when the platoon repaints Lady Maltby's Rolls-Royce just in time for an official engagement. (R)

8.30 Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark. David Attenborough chooses the 10 endangered animals that he would most like to save from extinction, highlighting the work of biologists helping to keep them alive. (R)

9.30 Film: Project Nim. (2011) Premiere. Documentary about a chimpanzee raised as a human child.

11.05 Film: Zodiac. (2007) Fact-based crime thriller following the hunt for a serial killer who terrorised San Francisco in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Robert Downey Jr.

1.35 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Ultimate Spider-Man. **8.30** Victorious. **9.00** Jessie. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** My Tasty Travels with Lynda Bellingham. (R) **11.20** Dinner Date. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.25** You've Been Framed! (R) **12.55 Film:** Any Which Way You Can. (1980) **3.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) **4.00** Midsomer Murders. (R)

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 New You've Been Framed! A fresh selection of comical clips.

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The Geordie duo play an undercover prank on One Direction, present more entertainment, games and surprises, and give a member of the audience a chance to Win the Ads.

8.20 The Cube. A police officer continues his challenge from last week, and a health club manager also competes to win a jackpot of £250,000.

9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Danny Boyle, Ian McShane, Nicholas Hoult, Bobby Womack and Damon Albarn. Last in the series.

10.20 ITV News; Weather.

10.35 Film: You, Me and Dupree. (2006) Comedy, starring Owen Wilson, Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson.

12.35 Jackpot247. **3.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Freesports on 4. **7.30** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Frasier. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.50** The Simpsons. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Deal or No Deal. **1.45** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.10 Come Dine with Me. Russell Stubbs hosts the final party in Crewe and Nantwich, Cheshire. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. Religious dictates and customs concerning diet.

7.00 Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. New series. The presenter helps homeowners in Oxford who are eager to attract buyers for their properties, allowing them to view one another's houses for improvement ideas.

8.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows people designing their dream home. (R)

9.00 Film: The Time Traveler's Wife. (2009) A woman falls for a time traveller, but his journeys back and forth in her personal history put a strain on their marriage. Romantic sci-fi drama, with Rachel McAdams.

11.05 Big Fat Quiz of the 90s. Jimmy Carr grills five celebrities on the 1990s. (R)

12.40 Film: Notorious. (2009) **2.45** Southland. **3.25** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.30** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Inside Hollywood. **11.05** Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) **12.05** Whale Adventure with Nigel Marven. (R) **1.05** CSI: Miami. (R) **2.00** CSI: Miami. (R) **2.55 Film:** The Green Berets. (1968) **5.45 Film:** Beach Red. (1967)

7.35 5 News Weekend.

7.40 NCIS. An army scientist goes missing, so Abby is asked to fill in for him on a top-secret research project – but Gibbs later learns her life could be in danger. (R)

8.30 NCIS. Part one of two. The agents travel to LA to work with another NCIS team on an investigation that escalates into a high-priority case, and Tony begins to pry into Ziva's life. (R)

9.25 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. Revealing photos of a 15-year-old rape victim are leaked on the internet, but Stabler is distracted from the case when his son and his shady school friend go missing.

10.25 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Four men discover they are all being blackmailed over the death of a friend, but when one of them is killed, Nichols and Stevens uncover a mystery that spans 22 years.

11.20 CSI: NY. Mac realises his stalker's motivation. Crime drama, with Gary Sinise. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Merlin **8.30 Film:** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider – The Cradle of Life (2003) **10.20** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.05** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Britain's Natural World **7.50** The Rabbits of Skomer **8.00** Carved with Love: The Genius of British Woodwork **9.00 Film:** The Silence (2010) **10.55** Slade at the BBC **11.55** It's Slade

ITV2
4.30 You've Been Framed! **6.30** Lawson: The Hot Desk **6.45 Film:** King Kong (2005) **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.05 Film:** Couples Retreat (2009)

ITV3
3.40 Film: The Young Ones (1961) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Lewis. The prime suspect in a teenager's rape is murdered. **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
2.05 Film: The Boys in Blue (1983) **4.00 Film:** All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **7.00** TT Legends **8.00** River Monsters: Lair of Giants **10.05 Film:** Species: The Awakening (2007)

E4
3.35 Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Youngers **7.30** Happy Endings **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** 2 Broke Girls **9.00 Film:** Babylon AD (2008) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** The Cleveland Show

Film4
3.05 Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines (1965) **5.40** Australia (2008) **8.50** Danny Boyle Interview Special **9.00** Slumdog Millionaire. (2008) Oscar-winning drama, starring Dev Patel. **11.25** Danny Boyle Interview Special **11.35** 28 Days Later (2002)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 24.03.13

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CHOICE

Tony Robinson

Time Team
Channel 4, 5.30pm
It's hard to believe that it wasn't Time Team that uncovered Richard III in that Leicester car park. It seems like only yesterday that the programme was launched, but after 20 years of hard work and exciting family entertainment, its experts will down tools this year. Having invested £4million pounds in British archaeology, Time Team will leave a mark not just on the hearts TV viewers but on British historical research. Tony Robinson celebrates the show's achievements, from its beginnings in a Somerset field, to excavating Buckingham Palace's garden.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Passover: Why Is This Night Different? **12.50** Countryfile. (R) **1.45** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.30** Formula 1 – Malaysian Grand Prix Highlights. **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.30** Songs of Praise.
6.05 Deadly 60 on a Mission. Steve Backshall searches for lethal beasts in Venezuela and Brazil, encountering an electric eel, the endangered Orinoco crocodile, a venomous centipede and the maned wolf.
6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Countryfile. How the skies above the Brecon Beacons have earned the national park a rare honour and why British troops are being trained in basic agriculture. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team pay a second visit to Chatham's Historic Dockyard in Kent. Items include jewels once gifted by King Farouk of Egypt and a mandolin made by a German PoW.
9.00 Our Girl. One-off drama about a young woman with no prospects who joins the Army in the hope of finding herself. But first she has 14 weeks' basic training to get through. Lacey Turner stars.
10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.55 Regional Programme.
11.25 Film: The Great Raid. (2005) Second World War drama, with Benjamin Bratt.
1.30 Weatherview. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.20 Film:** My Favorite Wife. (1940) **8.45** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.15** The A to Z of TV Gardening. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Live Athletics. **2.05** EastEnders. (R) **4.00** Rowing World Cup. **5.00** Secrets of Our Living Planet. (R)
6.00 Flog It!
7.00 Dragons' Den. A horror writer gets a surprising reaction when he tries to scare the Dragons into backing him, and two sisters make a second bid to inpress the panel after being rejected in 2005. (R)
8.00 Best of Top Gear. Highlights from the most recent series of the motoring magazine, featuring Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May taking part in challenges and stunts.
9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Firefighter. An East Sussex fireman works in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso. Last in the series.
10.00 Mock the Week Looks Back at Entertainment. A selection from the show's archives on the theme of entertainment.
10.30 It's Kevin. Comedian Kevin Eldon gets to the bottom of the British obsession with queuing.
11.00 Film: Adventureland. (2009) A college graduate falls in love while spending a summer working at a ramshackle amusement park in the 1980s. Comedy, with Jesse Eisenberg.
12.40 Sign Zone: How to Paint a Queen: A Culture Show Special. (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mickey Mouse Clubhouse. **6.25** The Hive. (R) **6.35** The Hive. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Dino Dan. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Bookaboo. **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **8.05** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.15** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **8.30** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **8.45** Almost Naked Animals. (R) **9.00** The Aquabats Super Show. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25 Film:** Carry On Follow That Camel. (1967) **12.15 Film:** Carry On Camping. (1969) **1.55** ITV News; Weather. **2.05** Doc Martin. (R) **3.05** Food Glorious Food. (R) **4.05** Agatha Christie's Marple. (R)
6.05 You've Been Framed! Comical clips, featuring a dog taking on a sock puppet. (R)
6.35 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Coronation Street. Hour-long episode. Stella, Karl and Sunita are rushed to hospital, and one of them loses the fight for life.
8.00 Foyle's War. New series. MI5 suspects Britain's atomic research programme has been infiltrated and recruits Foyle to investigate a Soviet spy ring that could be at work in London.
10.00 Perspectives: Warwick Davis – The Seven Dwarfs of Auschwitz. A Jewish family of travelling musicians who survived the concentration camp.
11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.
12.15 The Store. **2.15** Monk. (R) **3.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Will & Grace. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.10** The Simpsons. (R) **1.40** The Simpsons. (R) **2.10** Undercover Boss USA. (R) **3.10 Film:** Clash of the Titans. (1981) **5.30** Time Team.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv. In the run-up to Easter, followers of various religions consider the dietary dictates and customs to which they are expected to adhere.
7.00 Celebrity Deal or No Deal. Chat-show host Jonathan Ross takes on the Banker in the hope of winning up to £250,000 for his chosen charity.
8.00 The Secret Millions. Jimmy Doherty invites parents with disabled children to stay on his farm as part of a charity's new project that aims to give such families a short break.
9.00 Film: Red. (2010) Premiere. A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and reunites his hit squad to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis.
11.15 Film: Kill List. (2011) Premiere. Two hitmen accept a deal to kill three people, but soon discover that there is an even darker side to the assignment. Thriller, with Neil Maskell.
12.55 First Time Farmers. (R) **1.50 Film:** I'm Not Scared. (2003) **3.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.30** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.40** Olive the Ostrich. (R) **6.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.20** Mio Mao. (R) **7.25** Animal Antics. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Inside Hollywood. (R) **11.10** Monkey Life. (R) **11.40** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.40** World's Scariest Near Misses. (R) **1.40 Film:** Legally Blonde. (2001) **3.30 Film:** Getting Even with Dad. (1994) **5.35** 5 News Weekend. **5.40 Film:** The Goonies. (1985)
7.55 Film: Miss Congeniality. (2000) An FBI agent goes undercover as a contestant in a Miss United States beauty pageant, which a terrorist has threatened to bomb. Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Michael Caine.
10.00 Person of Interest.
10.55 Film: The Exorcism of Emily Rose. (2005) Horror, starring Tom Wilkinson and Laura Linney.
1.15 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** House Doctor. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.40** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 The Baby Bomb **8.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **8.10 Film:** War of the Worlds (2005) **10.00** In the Flesh **11.00** Bluestone 42 **11.30** Family Guy
BBC Four
7.00 Bombay Railway **9.00** Motor Racing at the BBC: That Petrol Emotion **9.30 Film:** A Beautiful Mind (2001) **11.40** Madness Live: Goodbye Television Centre
ITV2
3.50 Film: The Borrowers (1997) **5.45 Film:** Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) **7.40 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Big Rich Texas **11.50** Celebrity Juice
ITV3
2.50 Film: Are You Being Served? (1977) **4.55** Cornwall with Caroline Quentin **5.45** Wycliffe **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00 Film:** Dave (1993) **10.10** Wycliffe **11.25** Inspector Wexford
ITV4
2.20 Film: For Whom the Bell Tolls (1943) **5.30 Film:** The Way West (1967) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Cycling **10.00 Film:** Ticker (2001) **11.55 Film:** Scum (1979)
E4
5.00 Revenge **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** New Girl **8.00 Film:** 17 Again (2009) **10.00** Rude Tube 2012 **11.00** The Body Shocking Show **11.30** The Big Bang Theory
Film4
2.50 Bugsy Malone (1976) **4.45** The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill, But Came Down a Mountain (1995) **6.40** Steel Magnolias. (1989) Drama, starring Sally Field, Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton. **9.00** The Godfather. (1972) Gangster drama, starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino.

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What's On!

Film Choices

Monday
Road House, Channel 5, 10pm
A philosophy-reading kung fu expert gains a reputation as the best bouncer around, and is hired by the owner of a rowdy Missouri bar to keep the peace. When he fires some of the establishment's corrupt staff, he incurs the wrath of a local crime boss who has a stranglehold on the town's businesses. Action thriller, starring Patrick Swayze, Ben Gazzara, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott and blues singer Jeff Healey. (1989)

Tuesday
Cold Creek Manor, BBC1, 12.15am
A wealthy couple decide to set themselves a challenge by buying a remote, run-down house with the idea of giving it a new lease of life. Instead they discover the property has a sinister past, the locals do not take kindly to outsiders and the former owner, recently released from prison, will do whatever it takes to drive them away. Thriller, starring Dennis Quad, Sharon Stone, Stephen Dorff, Juliette Lewis and Christopher Plummer. (2003)

Wednesday
Bringing Up Baby, BBC2, 12pm
A zany heiress tries to acquire the help of a timid palaeontologist in looking after her pet leopard. As she starts to fall for the bemused academic, she decides to stop him marrying his severe assistant, and accidentally endangers his efforts to get funding for his beloved museum. Screwball comedy, starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, May Robson, Charlie Ruggles and Barry Fitzgerald. (1938)

Fame, Thursday, BBC1, 12.05am

Thursday
Fame, BBC1, 12.05am
Alan Parker's musical drama charting the trials and aspirations of four talented teenage students at New York's School for the Performing Arts as they try to balance training for a career in showbusiness with a more conventional education. Starring Irene Cara, who also sings the Oscar-winning theme tune, with Lee Curreri, Gene Anthony Ray and Paul McCrane. (1980)

Friday
The Iron Giant, Channel 4, 7.10am
A huge robot falls from outer space and crash-lands in a small American town, terrifying the locals with its fearsome appearance. The kindly giant is befriended by a lonely youngster – but trouble looms on the horizon when a corrupt government agent sets his sights on destroying the visitor. Family animated adventure based on the children's story by poet Ted Hughes. With the voices of Vin Diesel, Eli Marienthal, Jennifer Aniston and Harry Connick Jr. (1999)

Pick of the Week

The only thing getting hot and cross is the buns

These days, you'd be hard pushed to find anyone who isn't a fan of The Great British Bake Off.

Something about the gentle, kindly nature of the show, and its judges Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood, serves as the perfect antithesis to the veritable glut of talent shows that dominate the schedules with their frequently barbed, scathing comments which seem designed to give contestants a nervous breakdown.

Things never get too personal in the safety of the Bake Off kitchen, and although Paul has been known to set the odd bottom lip wobbling when he's deemed a bake too uneven or a bottom too soggy, on the whole his and Mary's criticisms are well received – after all, they are experts in their field.

So, there are few pairings better placed to offer a masterclass on baking than these two.

They gave us a helping hand last Christmas when they provided top tips on everything from perfect puds to mega mince pies, and now they're back with **The Great British Bake Off Easter Masterclass (BBC2, 8pm)**, to help us cope with the trials and tribulations that Easter baking represents.

The kids are at home for a fortnight, and the grown-ups get a four-day weekend, so it's the perfect time to get busy in the kitchen.

However, there's always a few pitfalls to avoid, as well as a few expert tips that really, if you'll excuse the expression, put the icing on the cake – and here, Mary and Paul explain them all.

They give step-by-step instructions, including easy to follow demonstrations of some of their favourite seasonal recipes, giving us all the best possible chance of replicating their successes.

Among the treats on offer are perfect hot cross buns, without which no Easter would truly be complete.

Another traditional treat for the time of year is simnel cake, a light fruitcake traditionally enjoyed after Lent, for which the pair have a sumptuous recipe. So far, so good, but this is Easter – where is the chocolate?

Well, there's a guide to creating delicious chocolate custard tarts – perfect for using up any spare bits of Easter Eggs that may be lying around (although that's not usually too much of an issue for many households).

Also on the menu is a zingy and refreshing lemon meringue nest serves as the perfect accompaniment to the rich cuisine on offer.

With all these sweet treats to sample, one might be worried about piling on the pounds – but you only have to look at Mary to know that striking a balance isn't impossible.

As she told the Guardian recently, "It's all about things in moderation.

I do eat a good portion all the way through the Bake Off – because they've taken the trouble to make something, their parents are watching, and they want to see me have a proper slice.

The next day I'm pretty careful. I do try to eat lots of salads and healthy foods.

But cakes are healthy too – you just eat a thin slice. There's a lot of cheer in a cake."

The Great British Bake Off Easter Masterclass, Tuesday, BBC2, 8pm

Best of the Rest

Monday
Boris Johnson: The Irresistible Rise
BBC2, 9pm
Some think he's a national embarrassment, others find him endearingly eccentric. Love him or loathe him, Boris Johnson is arguably the most recognisable face in British politics. From his appearances on Have I Got News For You to his position as Mayor of London, he has a degree of accessibility and personality that otherwise seems to be immensely lacking in modern politics, leading some to tip him as a future Prime Minister. In candid interviews, Michael Cockerell reveals the real Boris Johnson, showing sides of him that few have seen, including his tangled love-life and his working relationship with David Cameron. There's more to the man than perhaps many even realise.

Tuesday
Live International Football
ITV, 7.30pm
Roy Hodgson takes his England side to Podgorica City Stadium for a 2014 World Cup Group H qualifying fixture against Montenegro, who have proved to be the surprise package of the campaign so far. Branko Brnovi?'s men sat atop the group following their opening four fixtures and were on a three-match winning streak in competitive encounters heading into their clash with Moldova on Friday. Meanwhile, the Three Lions have already dropped points against both Poland and Ukraine, and will be keen to find some consistency as they aim to book a place at the finals in Brazil, but don't have the best of records against the relatively young eastern European nation.

Wednesday
Lightfields
ITV, 9pm
The spooky drama comes to an end this week with the Felwoods in 1944 believing it's time to leave Lightfields – it holds too many memories of Lucy that they would rather forget. In 1975, Vivien goes missing, and it's up to Clare, with help from Tom, to find her. When she's eventually located, the troubled woman is on the verge of remembering what happened on a fateful night many moons ago. Finally, in 2012, Luke is missing and his grandparents begin to wonder if Lucy has taken him. But she isn't the only person who may endanger the lad, while a B&B guest with links to Pip's past has a shocking story to tell.

Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time
BBC1, 9pm
Margaret Mountford may be best known for lurking in the background of The Apprentice, raising her eyebrows at some of the contestants' dafter remarks, but she also has a keen interest in ancient history – she even stepped down from her role as Alan Sugar's right-hand woman to finish her PhD in Papyrology. Now, she's sharing her enthusiasm in this one-off documentary, which sees her investigating the events of 79AD, when a volcanic disaster left the citizens of Pompeii preserved in ashes.

Lightfields, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

Thursday
Kids with Tourette's: In Their Own Words
ITV, 9pm
Growing up is tough for children these days, although while most will fret about maths homework and playing kiss chase in the school playground, the few featured in this insightful documentary have a far rougher ride. Connor, Callum and Marco are affected by Tourette's Syndrome, but while there's no cure for them, hope comes in the form of a pioneering treatment programme at Great Ormond Street Hospital. Cameras have followed the boys and their families over a six-month period, as they have their say about living with the condition, and the obstacles they face on a daily basis.

Imagine: Beyonce – Life Is But a Dream
BBC1, 10.35pm
She's the singer, songwriter, actress, entrepreneur, wife and mother with 16 Grammy awards to her name, who once got most of Glastonbury doing the Single Ladies dance. Yes, we're talking about Beyonce, the former Destiny's Child member turned solo superstar. But while she's one of the most high-profile women in the world, how much do we really know about her? Well, we're about to discover a whole lot more, as Beyonce adds 'director' to her résumé, and brings us this documentary, which offers a unique insight into her life. And if you're slightly surprised to see this film appearing under the BBC's Imagine arts banner, forget the musical snobbery – Alan Yentob also profiled rapper Jay-Z, way back in 2008.

Friday
Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Britt Ekland
ITV, 9pm
Britt Ekland came to the UK in 1964 and was immediately swept off her feet by Peter Sellers, who asked her to marry him following a whirlwind, 10-day romance. She agreed, but the union, which produced their daughter, Victoria, lasted just four years. Her other most notable partners include Warren Beatty, Rod Stewart, George Hamilton and Patrick Lichfield. Here, Ekland talks about her life and career.

Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings
BBC2, 9pm
The two-part documentary, which began last week, draws to a close tonight – what more surprises can Egyptologist Joann Fletcher possibly have in store? Well, as she clambers into rarely visited tombs, explores a treasure trove of long-buried objects and examines mummies, we find she has a lot of astounding facts up her sleeves. She explains how, 3,500 years ago, life was little more than a dress rehearsal for the perfect afterlife.

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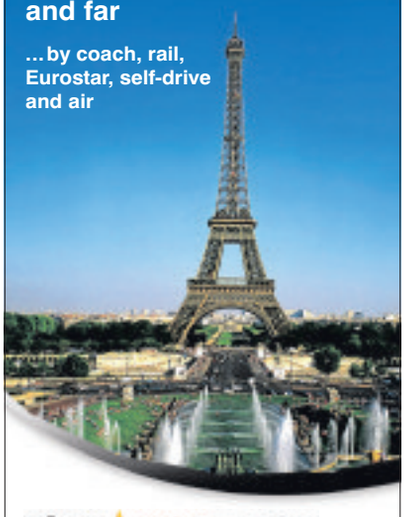

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Codeword

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Foil some of the peerage (4)
8. Early form of rock music! (6,4)
9. A glass ship (8)
10. Cars go round the curves (4)
12. Cut in whisky? (6)
14. His map is transformed by accident (6)
15. Slightly exaggerate an account and blush (6)
17. Stand at one over the eight, we hear. Gracious! (6)
18. It's used to make a toast in wine (4)
19. Authorise mother to come back first, that's agreeable (8)
21. Will he cure plane-sickness? (4-6)
22. The advantage that being sharp gives one? (4)

Down

2. Precious little company inside for the prematurely forward (10)
3. Make a sound come-back in a speech original in content (4)
4. Start off with a meal outside (6)
5. It rouses after the manner of strong spirit (6)
6. It's criminal to take a couple of fools in (8)
7. A wise man changes as he grows older (4)
11. A baby substitute (10)
13. A double-crosser with more than one sort of merit (3-5)
16. Nothing illogical about a boy (6)
17. An artist has to draw it to live! (6)
18. Workers that supply most of our wants (4)
20. Measure about a hundred to start with (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Stumble (4)
8. Hateful (10)
9. Lively (8)
10. Way out (4)
12. Infrequent (6)
14. Not liable (6)
15. Tarry (6)
17. Habit (6)
18. Inform (4)
19. Almanac (8)
21. Deal out (10)
22. Profound (4)

Down

2. Relative (10)
3. Couple (4)
4. Glass vessel (6)
5. Centre (6)
6. Lax (8)
7. Despatched (4)
11. Unlikely (10)
13. Control (8)
16. Shrink back (6)
17. Hue (6)
18. Neat (4)
20. Want (4)

Sudoku

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Fault; 8 Project; 9 Embargo; 10 Serif; 12 Agreements; 15 Remainders; 18 Sorts; 19 Mansion; 21 Willing; 22 Ledge. Down: 1 Afterwards; 2 Bulbs; 3 Stir; 4 Oppose; 5 Consumer; 6 Herring; 11 Fishmonger; 13 Gainsaid; 14 Emerald; 16 Damage; 17 Finds; 20 Nile. QUICK - Across: 7 Curve; 8 Trolley; 9 Indulge; 10 Elver; 12 Aristocrat; 15 Triviality; 18 Label; 19 Tempter; 21 Control; 22 Dread. Down: 1 Occidental; 2 Grade; 3 Well; 4 Stress; 5 Foremost; 6 Slavery; 11 Retrograde; 13 Raillery; 14 Disband; 16 Little; 17 Steer; 20 Mode.

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A DECEPTIVELY spacious detached family home within walking distance of the centre of Wombourne village is on the market based on offers around £449,950.

Jasmine Cottage in School Road is described as being ideal for modern families with four reception rooms providing ample living space together with four double bedrooms and three bath/shower rooms.

On the ground floor there is access to the cellars from the hall, and a cloakroom with WC and corner wash hand basin, while the sitting room has a stone fireplace with tiled hearth.

There is also a family room with brick fireplace with tiled hearth and a door to the dining room which has double doors to the lounge with brick fireplace with living flame coal effect gas fire.

The breakfast kitchen has been refitted with a range of contemporary units with work surfaces, stainless steel sink unit, exposed brick piers, space for gas cooker with stainless steel extraction chimney above, plumbing for dishwasher and washing machine.

On the first floor the main bedroom has a walk-in wardrobe and en suite with corner double shower, vanity with wash basin and WC and there is a second bedroom with en suite of double shower cubicle, WC and wash hand basin.

There are two more bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath, vanity with wash basin and WC.

Outside the property has a wide frontage with a driveway on one side providing off-road parking and leading to a garage, while the rear garden has a full width paved terrace with steps to shaped lawns with paved paths, patio and well stocked and matured beds and borders.

Call estate agent Berriman Eaton on 01902 747744.

Berriman Eaton is handling the sale of this four-bed detached home in High Park Crescent, Sedgley

An open plan family room/conservatory

A FOUR-bedroom, two bathroom detached family home in High Park Crescent, Sedgley, is for sale based on offers around £274,950.

The property benefits from double glazing and gas central heating, with accommodation briefly comprising of an open plan family room incorporating the kitchen and conservatory.

On the ground floor the guest cloakroom has a white suite of WC and wash hand basin while the lounge has a bay window and timber fire surround with inset electric fire.

Double doors from the hall lead to what the agents describe as a "stunning" open plan family room/kitchen area with a range of units including base cupboards and drawers with granite style work tops, space for American style fridge freezer, range style cooker with extractor over, wall and display units, island area with cupboards under, built-in dishwasher and sink with mixer tap.

The family area has double doors to the rear garden,with an archway leading to a conservatory with doors to the garden, and there is a utility room with space and plumbing for washing machine and door to store room.

On the first floor is a galleried landing with feature oak and chrome balustrade, a master bedroom with white en-suite of corner shower cubicle, wash hand basin and WC as well as three more bedrooms and a bathroom with white suite of spa bath with shower over, WC and wash hand basin.

Outside the house is set back from the road behind a dwarf wall with driveway, with the rear garden having a decked patio area, lawn and bark chipping play area.

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£695 pcm
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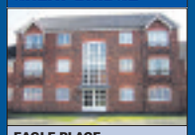
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DUDLEY

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DUDLEY

TIPTON ROAD
£545 pcm
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

TIPTON

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COSELEY

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£725 pcm
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A first floor modern apartment with hallway, lounge, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom and a balcony from the lounge overlooking the canal, allocated parking and secure entry system

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Pensnett
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NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bedroom semi detached house which is well presented throughout with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, upstairs shower room, driveway to the front and gardens to the front and rear

£94,950

BRIERLEY HILL
Swan Street

NEW PRICE

A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, conservatory, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway to the front and garden to the rear

£89,950

GORNAL
Holloway Street

A brand new Four bedroom David Wilson showhome located on the Brecon View estate. The property briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, large dining kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, en-suite to master bedroom, family bathroom, detached garage, driveway and gardens to the front and rear

£279,950

TIPTON
Watts Close

A well presented two bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, kitchen, driveway, garage and gardens to the rear

£114,950

Tividale
HOYLAKE DRIVE

NEW PRICE

Located in this highly desirable location this three bedroom detached house briefly comprises of lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen, gardens to the front and rear, driveway and garage.

£159,950

DUDLEY
Birmingham Road

A three bedroom semi detached house in need of some modernisation with porch, hallway, lounge with dining area, kitchen, upstairs bathroom and gardens to the front and rear

£94,950

Holly Hall
SUFFOLK ROAD

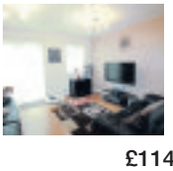
NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bedroom semi detached property on a generous corner plot. Briefly comprising lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, upstairs family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

£109,950

TIPTON
Anchor Drive

NEW INSTRUCTION



A beautiful modern semi detached house with hallway, downstairs wc, fitted kitchen, lounge, upstairs family bathroom with separate shower, two double bedrooms, rear garden with patio area and driveway to the front. Viewing is highly recommended

£114,950

DUDLEY
Redwood Avenue

A beautifully presented three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, upstairs bathroom, driveway to the front and garden to the rear

£119,950

DUDLEY
Gads Green

A two bedroom first floor apartment with hallway, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and secure entry system

£47,950

TIVIDALE
New Birmingham

A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, conservatory, upstairs bathroom, large driveway and mature gardens to the rear

£129,950

DUDLEY
Himley Road

An impressive five bedroom semi detached house set in an elevated position with amazing views. The house briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, third reception room, fitted kitchen, cellar, utility room, shower room, further bathroom on first floor, driveway to the rear, garage and garden

£174,950

GORNAL
Brook Street

A three/four bedroom mid terraced house with lounge/dining room, second reception room/4th bedroom, downstairs wc, driveway and garden to the rear with jacuzzi included

£129,950

Dudley
BENNETTS HILL

NEW INSTRUCTION

A beautifully presented and deceptively spacious 3/4 bedroom bungalow. Briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, third reception room/bedroom, fourth reception room/bedroom, kitchen, breakfast room, work shop and a family bathroom. To the rear there is a tiered mature enchanting garden and to the front of the property there is ample off road parking.

£229,950

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£450 PCM

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£425 PCM

DUDLEY
Priory Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

A three bed semi detached house. Fitted kitchen, two reception rooms, house bathroom upstairs and two doubles and a further single bedroom. Gardens to the rear and side, with off road parking to the rear. Unfurnished. No Dss. No pets.

£475 PCM

DUDLEY
High Street

TO LET

A three bedroom brand new apartment in Dudley town centre. Double glazing and electric heating, open plan lounge/ diner with fitted kitchen off. Good size bedrooms. Viewing highly recommended

£495 PCM

BRIERLEY HILL
Byrchen Moor

TO LET

A modern two bed end terrace having a lounge, dining kitchen and conservatory on the ground floor. Alarmed, unfurnished, available now for long term. No DSS. No Pets

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Brierley Hill
FENTON STREET

NEW INSTRUCTION

Recently modernised 2 bedroom terrace. Two reception rooms, fitted kitchen with built in oven & hob. Double bedrooms on 1st floor and further attic room. House bathroom. Unfurnished. No Dss. No pets. Available now.

£540 PCM

TIVIDALE
Raby Close

NEW PRICE

A three bedroom semi detached house in a cul de sac. Central heating, lounge, fitted kitchen/ diner, small garage with utility area at the rear. Unfurnished, available now, no DSS.

£550 PCM

ROWLEY REGIS
Knowle Road

NEW INSTRUCTION

Recently refurbished three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge with separate dining room. Fitted kitchen with oven/ extractor. Bathroom with shower. Unfurnished. No Dss. Available now to view

£560 PCM

DUDLEY
Park Moor Gardens

NEW INSTRUCTION

Brand new two bedroom 1st floor apartment. Open plan lounge with fully fitted kitchen to include built in appliances. Main bedroom with en-suite. Unfurnished. Communal lift. Secure entry & allocated parking. No Dss. No pets. Available now to view.

£565 PCM

DUDLEY
Homestead Close

NEW INSTRUCTION

Three bedroom semi detached house with garage. Open plan lounge, fitted kitchen with built in appliances and dining area. Utility area to rear of garage. Enclosed rear garden. Unfurnished. No Dss. Small pet considered. Available to view now

£595 PCM

COSELEY
Bank Street

NEW PRICE

A detched three bedroom house with off road parking and detached single garage. Through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with integral fridge. Downstairs WC and house bathroom/WC with shower over the bath. Unfurnished, available now, no DSS.

£595 PCM

RODENBOYDELL

SEDGLEY

NORTHWAY

A five-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a fabulous lounge, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen, a master bedroom en-suite, four further bedrooms, a family bathroom, a utility room, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden overlooking local farmland. EPC rating E

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LOWER GORNAL

CEDARWOOD ROAD

A three-bedroom split level home that is arranged on two floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a magnificent lounge with panoramic views, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached double garage and a delightful garden with views of Ellowes Hall sports field and open countryside beyond. EPC rating D

£239,950

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A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs w/c, a master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£234,950

SEDGLEY

LARKSWOOD DRIVE

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a sitting room, a fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a carport, a garage and a lovely rear garden that backs onto a paddock. EPC rating D

£229,950

LOWER GORNAL

FIELDSTONE VIEW

A four-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en-suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£219,950

SEDGLEY

PARKDALE

A four bedroom semi-detached home that is arranged over the three floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a formal dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, a bathroom, two cellars, double glazing where specified, gas fired central heating, a pleasant garden and panoramic views. EPC rating F

£209,950

MILKING BANK

CAERNARVON WAY

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, a utility room, a downstairs WC, four bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D.

£199,950

EARLS KEEP

HOPTON GARDENS

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£186,950

LOWER GORNAL

THORNLEIGH

A three/four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a separate sitting room/bedroom four, a wet room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs WC, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating D

£179,950

SEDGLEY

LIMES VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D

£174,950

SEDGLEY

NETHERBY GREEN

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden. EPC rating C

£169,950

SEDGLEY

WOODBANK ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a shower room, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£164,950

LOWER GORNAL

DEEPDALE LANE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an elegant reception hall, a through lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a side verandah, a cellar, three good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£159,950

LOWER GORNAL

WINRUSH CLOSE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a master bedroom en suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£159,950

FAIRVIEW PARK

MANDERSTON CLOSE

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden. EPC Rating C

£156,950

MILKING BANK

GAINSBOROUGH PLACE

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a superb fitted kitchen with open access to the dining room, three bedrooms, a magnificent bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating a garage that has been sub-divided to create a playroom and a storage area, a driveway and a lovely rear garden. EPC Rating D

£154,950

SEDGLEY

TURLS HILL ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden. EPC rating E

£152,950

ETTINGSHALL PARK

GROSVENOR ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge/dining area, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a modern bathroom, uPVC double glazing where specified, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden with distant views. EPC rating TBA

£149,950

SEDGLEY

NORTHWAY

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining room / sitting room, a conservatory, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a comprehensive range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden. EPC rating D

£149,950

DUDLEY

CLENT VIEW

Clent View is a stunning development of brand new two and three-bedroom homes that are situated in a delightful cul-de-sac location adjacent to Buffery Park in Dudley. The Ludlow is a three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, master bedroom en-suite with two further bedrooms, family bathroom, a driveway and a rear garden. EPC rating B

£146,950

COSELEY

HOSPITAL LANE

NO CHAIN. A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful rear garden that incorporate a workshop. EPC rating E

£126,950

COSELEY

BERRINGTON DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UVPC double glazing where stated, a driveway, a garage and a rear garden. EPC Rating E

£117,950

EARLS KEEP

HOPTON GARDENS

A two bedroom mews style home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, parking for two cars and a pleasant rear garden with distant views. EPC Rating C

£116,950

COSELEY

ANDERSLEIGH DRIVE

A two-bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, Economy 7 heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E

£99,950

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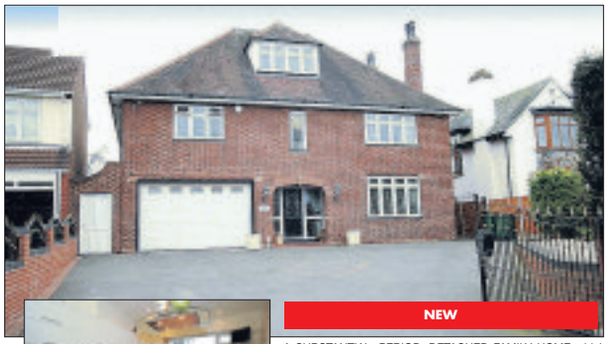

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£549,000

DUDLEY — Priory Close

An imposing, SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & uPVC double glazed detached family residence that has been significantly upgraded over the years retaining a number of period features set in favoured cul de sac just off The Broadway. Magnificent accommodation includes reception hall (8'7" ceiling height), cloaks cupboard, separate dining room, through 18'6" sitting room with bay & open fireplace, upgraded breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer lobby, utility room, separate w.c. FOUR BEDROOMS, separate toilet, recently reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with contemporary style white suite, garage, delightful gardens.EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Beaubrook Gardens

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£249,950

BRIERLEY HILL

North View Drive

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, this modern style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, four bedroom DETACHED family homes provides versatile living space, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Guest W.C., FOUR BEDROOMS (with ensuite to master), Bathroom, Garage / Store, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£184,950

SEDGLEY

Barn Avenue

An absolutely outstanding, meticulously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' in recent years by present vendors to an exemplary standard set in favoured cul de sac in sought after district. Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with living flame gas fire, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range units, many integrated appliances & double french doors out to the garden. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with superb range of professionally installed units), bathroom with white contemporary style suite plus a shower. Lengthy block paved driveway & a brick play/hobbies room with shower room & utility room beyond, delightful secluded landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

SEDGLEY

Longmeadow Drive,Northway

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed detached bungalow requiring some sympathetic updating in favoured district where bungalows are only rarely made available for sale. Accommodation provides reception hall, cloaks cupboard, two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lounge, dining room, garden room, upgraded kitchen, carport, garage, gardens arranged for 'minimum' maintenance. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £184,950

KINGSWINFORD

Keyes Drive

Very pleasantly and conveniently located within this cul de sac upon the highly respected and extremely sought after Charterfields development, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers SPACIOUS and GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor guest cloakroom / W.C. spacious lounge with separate dining room area off, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and bathroom with corner suite. Set back beyond the front garden, together DRIVEWAY which provides side approach to the GARAGE and a good sized patio / lawned rear garden, which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£149,950

KINGSWINFORD

Water Street

A LARGE TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME in need of refurbishment, within a highly desirable location close to excellent schooling, park and shops and providing a VERY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, separate WC. Set beyond the DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and with a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating F. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£144,950

LOWER GORNAL

Bank Road

Only recently constructed - a gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached by renowned local builder covered by architect's certification & situated within immediate distance of the village & all associated amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, living/dining room (with double opening french doors to outside), understair cupboard, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, extensive parking, neat turfed & fenced gardens. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £144,500

UPPER GORNAL

Stonepine Place

An exceptionally stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in quiet cul de sac development convenient for so many amenities/facilities. Superb accommodation includes entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, delightful lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire, dining room (with double french doors out to garden) & well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom with white suite, lengthy gated tarmac drive to BRICK GARAGE & there is a 'low maintenance' rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, EXTENDED semi detached home benefits from a covered SWIMMING POOL and viewing is essential to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, splendid dining kitchen addition, utility, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, large workshop, driveway, covered swimming pool & a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

DUDLEY

Aintree Way, Milking Bank

A most attractive, extremely stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed McLean built semi detached set upon larger than average plot with panoramic distant views from the rear in favoured neighbourhood. The accommodation includes; hall, lounge, refitted transverse breakfast kitchen (with double glazed French doors), pantry, two bedrooms (both with built in wardrobes), bathroom with shower, extensive parking, large south facing rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,950

NETHERTON

Quarry Road

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, bay fronted semi detached home is situated in an established residential locality, and has been considerably improved by the current owners. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge / Dining Room, extended Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a neat rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£131,500

WORDSLEY

Balmoral Road

Pleasantly situated within this very popular address upon the highly sought after Forest Lawns/Ashwood Park development, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a SPACIOUS arrangement of accommodation which REQUIRES UPDATING but provides FANTASTIC POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVEMENT and comprises: Reception Hall, spacious full width Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Shower Room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the front garden, together with DRIVEWAY with access to a GARAGE/STORE (currently not vehicle accessible) and enjoying a good sized low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£129,950

KINGSWINFORD

Park Lane

For those of 55 years and above, this is a rare opportunity to purchase a MOST DECEPTIVE AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN MEWS BUNGALOW which is delightfully located, overlooking a bowling green opposite and offering IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: Large attractive Lounge, beautifully re-appointed Breakfast Kitchen, Inner Hall, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, attractive Shower Room, EFFICIENT ECONOMY 7 STORAGE HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING, together with attractively maintained front gardens and a small patio rear garden laid out for low maintenance purposes. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£129,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road

An attractive, considerably improved double glazed (vast majority of units being uPVC) & gas centrally heated semi detached situated in an established location & well worthy of internal inspection. The well maintained property comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway & rear garden with large timber outbuilding. EPC rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950

DUDLEY — Kestrel Road

Very pleasantly located within this popular address and enjoying DELIGHTFUL REAR VIEWS towards the Clee Hills, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED and IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and VERY WELL APPOINTED accommodation including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, WARM AIR CENTRAL HEATING and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, attractive L shaped Lounge, spacious and beautifully appointed Dining Kitchen with appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and attractive Wet Room. With a LARGE FRONTAGE including EXCELLENT SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which benefits from an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

£129,950

WORDSLEY

Greenways

REQUIRING UPDATING AND IMPROVEMENT throughout, this MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys FANTASTIC ELEVATED DISTANT VIEWS over Wordsley and towards the Clent Hills and provides FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: Reception Hall, spacious full width Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. Gently elevated and set back beyond the front garden, together with LONG DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a tiered patio/lawned rear garden which requires improvement but again provides much potential. EPC Rating F. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers in Excess of £110,000

WORDSLEY — Kirkpatrick Drive

Enjoying perhaps one of the best positions and layouts within a sought after approx. 3 year old development, this LARGE GROUND FLOOR LUXURY APARTMENT offers a BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED and IMMACULATE layout of ready to move into accommodation, ideal for first time buyers and elderly/ retired, comprising: Communal Lobby with security entrance, Reception Hall, Large Lounge with dining area, separate Luxury Kitchen with appliances, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, master with EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM, Main Bathroom, ELECTRIC HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Surrounded by maintained gardens/ grounds with ALLOCATED RESIDENT PARKING and SHARED VISITORS SPACES. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

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LOWER GORNAL

The Spinney

An EXTENDED, gas radiator centrally heated & part double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in need of some sympathetic updating set in relatively quiet cul de sac within reasonable distance of open fields, together with all amenities. Accommmodation provides enlarged porch, inner hallway, kitchen, extended 23'7" living/dining room, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, small garden & a brick GARAGE to the rear. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105,000

PENSNETT

Tiled House Lane

This traditional style, part uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement / updating, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs WC, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Front and Rear Gardens. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£94,950

NETHERTON

Round Street

This neatly presented, double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom SEMI DETACHED home may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, TWO BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£92,950

KINGSWINFORD

Ragees Road

Enjoying SPECTACULAR DISTANT REAR VIEWS towards the Clent Hills, within this popular cul de sac upon the sought after High Acres development, this MODERN FIRST FLOOR ONE BEDROOM FLAT enjoys its OWN PRIVATE GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCE and offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: private ground floor entrance hall, first floor landing, spacious lounge with dining area, kitchen, double bedroom and classic white bathroom. The property enjoys DESIGNATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING situated to the fore. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£72,950

NETHERTON

Bowling Green Road

This uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated FIRST FLOOR FLAT, is well presented throughout and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. The property briefly comprises: open plan Lounge / Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom with white suite and off road Parking. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£64,950

GORNAL WOOD

Eaton Crescent

STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDORS. An EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, highly individual, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years to an exemplary standard. Accommodation includes; imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, magnificent 26' through living room with patio doors, outstanding enlarged/refitted 19'7" dining kitchen with a fine range of "oak" units, Range, integrated appliances, and a laundry section off, double doors to a substantial recently constructed uPVC double glazed 23' CONSERVATORY. Gallery landing, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (fitted or built in wardrobes to all bedrooms & a shower room en suite to principal bedroom), bathroom with white suite. Garage, landscaped secluded gardens, extensive block paved parking. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £269,950

SEDGLEY

Kings Road

An exceptionally stylish & significantly EXTENDED, Freehold. gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached of character. Enviably situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring (and associated amenities/schools) and unspoilt fields. The accommodation (on three levels) comprises; reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 18 ft sitting room with bay, magnificent 'hub of the house' 17'10 x 16'8" dining kitchen with a comprehensive range of cream finish 'Shaker' style units (with island section) and integrated appliances. To the first floor are two double bedrooms and further bedroom together with reappointed & re- tiled bathroom with white suite & shower. To the second floor, principal bedroom with walk-in wardrobe & shower room en suite. Large newly built garage, landscaped garden. EPC Rating E.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 .

Offers in the region of £225,000

SEDGLEY

Langland Drive

A uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) link detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years to a tremendous specification conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities, and enjoying PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from front. Superb accommodation includes; enlarged porch, transverse lounge with Living Flame feature gas fire, dining room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, recently refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances & wood block work surfaces. Three bedrooms, reappointed/retiled bathroom with stylish white suite. Garage, further store, professionally landscaped rear garden, and lengthy foregarden with block paved drive. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £178,950

LOWER GORNAL

Humphrey Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A primarily uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, and gas centrally heated (combi boiler) detached in popular, particularly convenient, location. The house has been conscientiously maintained although offers further potential, and comprises; entrance porch, reception hall, living room, dining room, recently refitted kitchen (with range of "light beech" units), utility, separate toilet. Three bedrooms, bathroom with a white suite/shower. Garage, secluded rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating D.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

DUDLEY

Abbotsford Drive

A distinctive, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS detached residence of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. Designed by an architect for his own occupation in the early 1960's incorporating many period features typical of the era, the flexible accommodation provides entrance vestibule, imposing 'full height' reception hall, 20ft lounge, 20ft bedroom one (alternative reception room), breakfast kitchen, pantry, outer vestibule,spacious bathroom. Open tread staircase to landing with two further bedrooms, separate toilet. Significant loft space beyond with further potential. Large garage with automated door, extensive gardens. EPC Rating F SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £174,950

NETHERTON

57 DUDLEY WOOD ROAD

An improved and well presented three bedroomed detached with gardens extending to the side offering potential, subject to planning permission, having gas radiator heating and double glazing to the majority and comprising: Porch, welcoming hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace and archway to dining room, breakfast kitchen, rear lobby with fitted cloakroom having w.c, three bedrooms, house bathroom, side garage and pleasant gardens. EPC RATING E. VIEWING: HALESOWEN OFFICE 0121 550 3978

OFFERS AROUND £174,950

GORNAL

Windsor Close

This WELL PLANNED, MODERN LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a delightful cul-de-sac setting off Cinder Road via Brookbank Road on the village fringe, and offers: Hall, LOUNGE with period fire, separate Dining room, Light-Oak fitted Kitchen with breakfast space, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, Bathroom plus separate toilet, GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Attached side GARAGE plus fitted UTILITY/LAUNDRY ROOM and TOILET, DECORATIVE FOREGARDEN with Drive/Parking and a LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN with DISTANT, SUNNY ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 400777

£169,950

LOWER GORNAL

The Straits

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) and uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years. Excellently situated abutting onto and overlooking fields at the rear, and being convenient for so many amenities. The accomodation includes; reception hall, superb through living/dining room with patio doors, refitted kitchen with a fine range of "Old English Cream" effect units, pantry.Three generous bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), stylish reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite/chrome detailing. Gated driveway to brick garage, landscaped "low maintenance" garden. EPC Rating D.SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £153,950

SEDGLEY

Wenlock Close, Brownswall Estate

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional, conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & double glazed semi detached set at head of cul de sac upon favoured development. Accommodation includes reception hall, dining room with bay, sitting room with patio doors, understair cloaks, enlarged kitchen, pantry, three generous bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, large (21'2" x 12'5" contractors garage), garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached bungalow forms part of a development of just three properties 'tucked away' just off Clifton Street & is well worthy of internal inspection. The property is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN & briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, two good bedrooms, wet room, block paved driveway & a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

COSELEY

Hurst Road, Hurst Hill

A delightful, SPACIOUS, tremendously modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (terraced style) conveniently situated for so many amenities. Superb, well presented accommodation includes lounge (with living flame gas fire), inner lobby, sitting room (with living flame gas fire) & access to useful cellars, refitted 15'7" kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units, laundry section, reappointed bathroom with white suite, THREE BEDROOMS, storage cupboard, sheltered & secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

QUARRY BANK

Mount Pleasant

This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroomed detached property is situated in an established location convenient for local amenities and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: stylish through Lounge/Dining Room, splendid re-fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, separate W.C., two first floor double Bedrooms (master with en-suite Shower), Driveway and lawned rear Garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£119,950

LOWER GORNAL

Central Drive

Stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached comprising reception hall, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, off road parking (kerb dropped) & lengthy SECLUDED REAR GARDEN with lawns & decking. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £115,000

KINGSWINFORD

Lingfield Way

For those of 55 years and above or with a disability, this is an excellent opportunity to purchase a BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED ONE BEDROOM MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located within this popular cul de sac upon Crestwood Park , offering VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO , including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious attractive lounge, beautifully appointed breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOM (with fitted wardrobes) and stylishly appointed shower room. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and ATTRACTIVE SECLUDED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£114,950

DUDLEY

The Broadway

BEST, & FINAL OFFERS TO BE RECEIVED, FOR THE VENDORS CONSIDERATION, BY 12.00 NOON ON TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2013.
TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL ! A traditional, freehold, part uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached requiring comprehenisve modernisation set in popular/convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, traditional reception hall, walk-in store, lounge with bay, dining room (with uPVC double glazed french doors out to garden), former kitchen, pantry, half glazed verandah. Three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, small garage, gardens. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £106,950

COSELEY

Kenelm Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A traditional,gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating, and with tremendous potential. Accommodation includes; reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Driveway & possible garage space (subject to regulations), garden.
EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950

UPPER GORNAL

Stonepine Place

A comparatively SPACIOUS, double glazed, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, Top floor apartment with tremendous distant views conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. "Entry phone" style access system with accommodation including; reception hall, store, two double bedrooms, lounge with bay, 15 ft breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950

SEDGLEY

Thistle Close

50% SHARE FOR SALE. A significantly enhanced & much improved, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed semi detached at head of short cul de sac with good distant views. Vendors' 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Superb accommodation includes entrance hallway, excellent lounge with 'living flame' feature fire, recently refitted transverse dining kitchen with a range of 'American walnut' effect units & various integrated appliances, understair store. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, parking, garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

O/A £79,950 FOR VENDORS' 50% SHARE

COSELEY

Yew Tree Lane

60% SHARE FOR SALE - Extremely stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed first floor flat within walking distance of COSELEY RAILWAY STATION. Vendors 60% share available for sale (remaining 40% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). Individual front door to entrance lobby with staircase up to the first floor having lounge, overstair store, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & integrated oven/hob/extractor, inner hallway, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom.Allocated parking, secluded communal lawned grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £42,500 for vendors 60% share

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Cinder Road Gornal Wood 259,950

This beautifully presented and extended detached house with flexible room arrangement with extensive grounds. Ideal family home. MUST BE VIEWED.Energy rating C

Ruiton Street Lower Gornal 225,000

This four bedroom detached property located in the village of Lower Gornal having off road parking with electric security gates, integral garage, conservatory to rear.Energy Rating D

Waterloo Street Tipton 200,000

A deceptively spacious four bedroom home benefits from spacious living accommodation, off road parking, ideal family home. MUST BE VIEWED.Energy RatingD

Wrens Nest Road Dudley 199,950

This detached dormer bungalow offers four/five bedrooms, two/three reception rooms, generous off road parking, garden to the rear. Ideal family home.Energy Rating E

Grosvenor Road Lower Gornal 195,000

A four bedroom detached home , workshop facility and two garages. With a good rear garden this home needs viewing to appreciate its flexible accommodation. Energy Rating E

Mansion Close Dudley 177,500

A detached property comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, garden, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom.Energy Rating C

Richborough Drive Dudley 159,950

A three bedroom detached property, briefly comprises hall, kitchen, lounge, first floor having master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom, off road parking, garage, gardens to the front and rear.Energy Rating D

Brewery Street Dudley 149,950

An extended semi comprises two reception rooms, bedroom 6/reception room three, shower room, kitchen, first floor having five bedrooms, bathroom. Energy Rating D

Old Park Road Dudley 133,950

A traditional semi comprises, through lounge, kitchen, conservatory,three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway,. Viewing highly recommended. No Upward Chain. Energy Rating D

Woodall Grange Constitution Hill 127,995

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Tower Road Tividale 125,000

A semi detached comprises entrance porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen diner, utility room, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom,driveway, Energy Rating D

The Vista Sedgley 124,950

An three bedroom semi, briefly comprises hall, through lounge, kitchen, playroom/study, two shower rooms, off road parking, spacious rear garden.Energy Rating D

Himley Avenue Dudley 115,000

In need of modernisation, this 3 bedroom traditional semi detatched home in a culde-sac location offers 2 reception rooms and attractive rear gadens. Energy Rating TBC

Hall Grove Coseley 114,950

Set in a desirable cul-de-sac this semi detached offers two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, first floor landing having three bedrooms and shower room.Energy Rating F

Bluebell Road Dudley 90,000

Located in the heart of Dudley this three bedroom semi detached property is an ideal first time buyers purchase. Benefiting from off road parking.Energy Rating TBC

Redhall Road Lower Gornal 72,500

A one bedroom first floor flat briefly comprising shared entrance having stairs to accommodation having entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, storage heating, communal gardens, secure off road parking. No upward chain. Alarmed.Energy Rating E

New Road Dudley 69,950

132 New Road , Dudley, DY2 9AV We are acting for the mortgagees in possession and have recieved an offer of £69,950 for the above mentioned property. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the agent before exchange of contracts takes place.

Occupation Street Dudley 65,000

A traditional terrace, comprises two reception rooms, kitchen, cloakroom, having bedroom and bathroom, garden and garage to the rear, Energy Rating E

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- ORP
- Energy Rating - E

£650pcm

NEW

Codsall
Lane Green Road
- Three bed semi
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- Bathroom with shower
- Energy Rating - E

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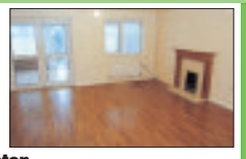

NEW

Tipton
Mount Street
- Three bed detached house
- GCH and DG
- Spacious lounge
- Conservatory/sun room
- Bathroom with shower
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge branch

£550pcm

NEW

Wolverhampton
Willenhall Road
- Two bed purpose built maisonette on first and second floors
- Double glazed accommodation
- Open plan kitchen incl appliances
- Spacious en-suite bathroom with double shower
- Energy Rating - C

£550pcm

NEW

Coseley
Earl Street
- Modern three bed semi
- Fully fitted kitchen with integrated electric oven and gas hob
- Family bathroom with bath and shower
- Rear garden with patio and lawn
- Energy Rating - C

£550pcm

NEW

Dudley
Southgate Way
- Attractive one bed first floor flat
- Fitted kitchen/breakfast area with appliances
- Double bedroom with fitted wardrobe
- Bathroom with shower
- Double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - C

£450pcm

NEW

Willenhall
Leveson Street
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- Spacious lounge
- Parking available
- Energy Rating - G

£375pcm

Willenhall
Ravenscroft Road
- Three bed detached home
- Extended dining kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D
- 0121 520 2255

£725pcm

Dudley
Madison Avenue
- Three bed town house
- Located opp Wednfield Shopping Centre
- Lounge
- Downstairs WC
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Master bedroom is ensuite
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£625pcm

Tipton
Bevan Road
- Three bed semi
- Popular residential location
- Fitted kitchen
- Conservatory
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Driveway parking
- Energy Rating - C
- Great Bridge office

£650pcm

Willenhall
Princethorpe Road
- Three bed modern townhouse
- Kitchen with oven and hob
- GCH & DG. ORP
- Bath and shower facilities
- Enclosed rear gardens
- Energy Rating - B

£575pcm

Hagley
Millpool Close
- Two bed groud floor apartment
- Kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Garage and parking space
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office
- 0121 520 2255

£550pcm

Coseley
Steven Drive
- Two Bed Semi
- Part furnished
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- CH & DG
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office

£525pcm

Wednesbury
Devon Road
- Two bed semi detached
- Fitted kitchen
- Hall, spacious lounge
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Central heated
- Energy Rating - E

£500pcm

REDUCED

Bilston
Horace Street
- Two bed mid terraced home
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Fully fitted kitchen
- CH & DG
- Rear Garden
- Energy Rating - C

£495pcm

REDUCED

Tipton
Newells Drive
- Superbly presented two bed semi
- Lounge
- CH & DG
- Bathroom with shower and bath facilities
- ORP
- Rear garden
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge office

£495pcm

Tividale
Alexandra Way
- Two bed mid terraced home
- DG and GCH
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with electric shower
- Rear garden
- ORP
- Energy Rating - D
- Great Bridge

£495pcm

Tipton
Bonneville Close
- One bed apartment.
- DG & GCH
- Security intercom system
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge with Juliette balcony
- Bathroom with bath & shower
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating - B

£425pcm

Tipton
Rugeley Close
- Two bed top floor apartment
- Lounge with Juliette balcony
- Unfurnished
- Kitchen with appliances
- Energy Rating - C

£400pcm

HOUSING BENEFITS CONSIDERED

Dudley
Viewfield Crescent
- One bed first floor apartment
- DG
- Kitchen with oven & fridge
- Bathroom with shower
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- Housing benefits considered
- Energy Rating - D

£375pcm

Kingswinford
Ragees Road
- Charming one bed ground floor studio flat
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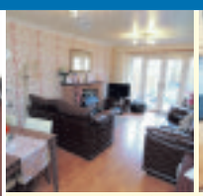
EPC:C

Netherton Office — Offers Around £135,000

2 Bed — Fieldfare Close, CRADLEY HEATH

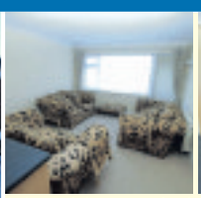


A well presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow situated towards the head of this delightful cul-de-sac with woodland views to the front. The property has accommodation to comprise of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. This lovely home also benefits from being gas centrally heated, double glazed and provides off road parking to the front and garage. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property!

EPC:C

Netherton Office — Offers Around £150,000

1 Bed — Red Lion Close, TIVIDALE

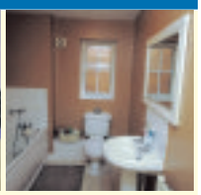


An immaculatley presented and good sized ground floor flat, situated in this convenient location with links to local road and motorway netwoks and just short drive away from all local amenities. The property offers good sized double glazed accommodation to comprise of lounge, open plan re-fitted kitchen, good sized double bedroom, re-fitted bathroom, also benefits from electronic heating, communal gardens and GARAGE. Early viewing is recommended to avoid disappointment.

EPC:D

Netherton Office — Offers Around £49,950

3 Bed — Wakeman Drive, OLDBURY

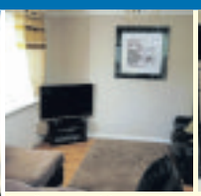


A well presented and spacious detached property in this poplular and delightful location. Comprising, Lounge, Dining room, extended kitchen/utility, downstairs toilet, downstairs bedroom four/office/garage, three first floor bedrooms, master with en-suite, bathroom, rear garden and off road parking. Benefitting from double glazing, central heating and no upward chain. Viewing via Halesowen office. EPC = C

EPC:C

Netherton Office — Offers Around £180,000

3 Bed — Russells Hall Road, RUSSELLS HALL

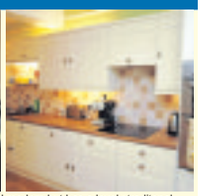


A well presented three bedroom semi detached property in this popular location, comprising lounge, beautiful dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom, garage, ample driveway, rear garden, central heating and double glazing. Offering family sized accommodation close to local schools and amenities and with STAMP DUTY PAID, early viewing is highly recommended.

EPC:D

Netherton Office — Offers Around £129,950

3 Bed — Hilltop Road, DUDLEY

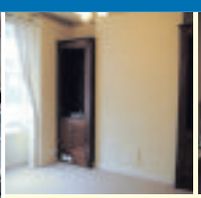


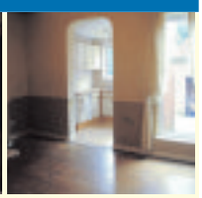
This family home is well presented and modern but has a lovely traditonal twist too! The extended three bedroom accommodation briefly comprises of; lounge/dining room, recently fitted modern kitchen/dining room with spectacular views from the large window to make washing up a bit more fun! In addition, there is a utility, garage, off road parking and a wonderful large garden, where again the views can be appreciated. There is also the potential to make the loft a room (subject to permissions and regulations) as it's been boarded, insulated and there's a window. Benefitting from central heating and double glazing and close to local schools and amenities, an early viewing is recommended.

EPC:E

Netherton Office — Offers Around £119,950

2 Bed — Bennetts Hill, DUDLEY





A 'characterful' very well presented, two bedroom terraced property with accommodation briefly comprising of: Entrance hall with 'Minton' tiled floor, lounge, rear reception room with archway through to kitchen, on the first floor are two well proportioned bedrooms with original features and the luxurious family bathroom. Viewing is highly recommended to appreciate this property fully. Available beginning of April.
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EPC:E

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DUDLEY

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TIVIDALE

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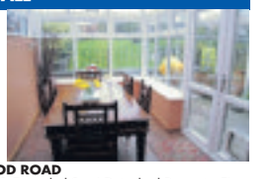
£175,000 DUDLEY ✆ 01384 455000

TIVIDALE



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•EPC D•MODERN THREE BEDROOM PROPETY HAVING GARAGE!!!!!•Three Bedrooms•Lounge•Dining Room•Fitted Kitchen•Ground Floor Cloakroom•Bedroom One Having Wardrobes•Garage•Landscaped Rear Garden

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DUDLEY

GREEN PARK ROAD

•Recently Refurbished •Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Fitted Kitchen •Close to Dudley Town Centre •Driveway •Rear Garden •EPC Rating D

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COSELEY

UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD

- A modern style 3 bed detached
- Two reception rooms, conservatory
- Contemporary kitchen
- Guest wc
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- Garage
- Viewing recommended
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- Three bedrooms
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- Gas central heating
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- Garage
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- Epc band C

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SEDGLEY

DUDLEY ROAD

- Beautifully presented throughout
- Traditional three bed semi
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Modern kitchen
- Office space/3rd reception
- Excellent sized rear garden
- Block paved driveway,-for 3/4 cars.
- Epc Band D

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DUDLEY

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- Spacious three bed traditional semi
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- Lounge • Conservatory
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Driveway parking
- Epc band D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,950

LOWER GORNAL

ELAN CLOSE

- Modern three bed semi-detached
- Perfect first time buyers property
- Quiet cul-de-sac location
- Lounge, open planing dining area/kitchen
- Guest WC
- Well maintained garden
- Off road parking
- Epc band C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

LOWER GORNAL

ELLOWES ROAD

- Excellent sized three bed semi
- Well presented throughout
- Two reception rooms
- Modern kitchen, • Rear lobby
- Downstairs WC
- Recently re_fiitted shower room
- Block paved driveway
- South facing rear garden
- Epc band C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,950

UPPER GORNAL

STABLE COURT

- Very well presented modern townhouse
- Enhanced throughout
- Recently installed new kitchen & bathroom
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
- Ideal for first time buyer
- Epc band c

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500

WOODCROSS, COSELEY

CLARE CRESCENT

- Well maintained three bed semi
- Open plan lounge/dining room
- Kitchen, side lobby/store room
- Upvc double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Off road parking
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- No upward chain
- Epc band D

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HARTLAND AVENUE

- Good sized mid terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge, kitchen, rear extension
- Upovc double glaing
- Gas central heating
- Off road Parking
- No upward chain
- Epc band D

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COSELEY

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- Block paved driveway
- Epc bsnd D

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159 PARKFIELD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON
Corner Shop/Commercial Premises + rooms to rear Two Bed Living Accommodation, Two Garages, enclosed and gated yard
GF EPC: E FF EPC: F

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 11.00 am
Guide: £78,000/£83,000

23 SHERBORNE ROAD, BUSHBURY, WOLVERHAMPTON
Neatly presented, majority uPVC, Gas CH, Two Reception, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Attractive Garden. EPC: D

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 11.30 am
Guide: £73,000/£78,000

92 HAWKSFORD CRESCENT, BUSHBURY, WOLVERHAMPTON
Generous corner plot, Lounge, large Dining Kitchen Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, CH, Gardens, off-road parking EPC: C

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 10.45 am
Guide: £53,000/£58,000

54 BLAKELEY AVENUE, CLAREGATE
At head of cul-de-sac with lovely garden
Three Bed Semi, large Bathroom, Two Reception, Kitchen
Gas CH, extensive Garage. EPC: D

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 12.00 noon
Guide: £98,000/£103,000

56 PARK ROAD WEST, WOLVERHAMPTON
With outlook to West Park, a spacious Semi for modernisation. Three Reception, Three Bedrooms, Garage, Gardens. EPC: F

VIEWING 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 1.15 pm
Guide: £130,000/£140,000

25 THREE TUNS LANE, OXLEY, WOLVERHAMPTON
Well located Semi with newly installed CH, majority uPVC Lounge, Dining Kitchen, WC, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Off road parking, Gardens. EPC: D

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 12.15 pm
Guide: £63,000/£68,000

24 WHITE OAKS DRIVE, BISHOPS WOOD
Lovely Village location - Modern Two Bed, Two Bath House, Two Reception, Kitchen, Double Garage, Drive and Rear Garden, EPC: F

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 1.00 pm
Guide: £130,000/£140,000

9 KENT STREET, WALSALL
Spacious Mid Terraced for modernisation Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Garden. EPC: E

VIEWING: 22nd & 23rd MARCH @ 9.45 am
Guide: £52,000/£57,000

110 MILTON ROAD, FALLINGS PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON
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Motoring

Compiled by Motoring Editor Sharon Walters

The new Ford Kuga is an all-round winner

Extra ground clearance is a bonus

I KNOW you're supposed to choose your family transport with sensible features like boot space and economy at the top of the list – and driving pleasure near the bottom, bumping along with alloy wheel options and the cupholder count.

Well, Ford wasn't listening when this agenda was published and the new Kuga, a fresh take on the successful first version, goes straight to the top of the class for anyone who doesn't want to lose the fun of driving, moving from a nimble hatch to family holdall.

And, after listening to the people who bought Kuga Mk1, the newcomer is roomier in the back and boot (but a tiny bit narrower and lower) and actually cheaper, model for model than the car it replaces. That shows both the pace of progress in making things for less, and perhaps, reflects the sobering fact that today's new Ford faces a formidable 38 rivals, when only 19 threatened nine years ago.

By Ian Donaldson

Still, it's worth Ford giving the new Kuga its best shot. When the first ones arrived in 2008 the market for SUVs was modest; today the sports utility vehicle is the third largest new car sector.

And a highly profitable one, I'll wager, with buyers happy to add to the bottom line with tasty extras.

Prices now start at £20,895, more than £1,000 less than the last model's entry level version. That buys a 1.6 litre petrol Kuga in Zetec trim and front-wheel drive.

Only one in ten buyers are likely to take this route, preferring instead to head up the price list for a diesel with all four wheels driven. The range tops out at £29,795 for the automatic diesel in Titanium X trim, but the non-X Titanium test car is the predicted biggest seller.

That costs £355 less than before but adds a little more power and economy, along with easily folded rear seats (a single lever's tug each side), emergency assist, which calls 999 if you can't after a crash, hill start assist, which keeps the brakes on for a moment as you foot moves to the accelerator pedal, and enhanced cruise control with speed limiter.

Pay £700 more and you'll amaze your friends by opening the boot with a waggle of a foot beneath the rear bumper, where sensors detect your request and play Open Sesame.

Shopping

It closes the same way and would save you dropping arm-loads of shopping on a wet supermarket car park. Cheaper to buy less shopping, though.

Parked alongside the old model, the 2013 Kuga looks sharper and more interesting, with the same wraparound headlight treatment you'll find on a Focus, which also, more subtly, donates the platform the car is built on and which makes it so good to drive.

Perhaps the opposition (newcomers from Honda and Toyota with CR-V and RAV4, respectively, spring to mind) lack the simple joy of driving that modern Fords almost always provide, and which the height and extra ground clearance of the Kuga does little to dilute.

The test car's 161bhp diesel pushed the Kuga along with poise and verve, its steering feeling utterly connected to the road and gears ready to click into the next ratio like something more Silverstone than Surbiton.

A brief foray off-road proved the Kuga will cope with flinty tracks and grassland churned gently towards mud by fellow Kugarists. A gymkhana parking field will hold no horrors.

It managed the road test route with a certain firmness, that was oddly, but pleasantly, lacking in a cheaper, less powerful diesel (£23,395 in Zetec trim) that also felt sweeter under the bonnet and hardly slower than its more powerful sibling. The bargain of the range, perhaps?

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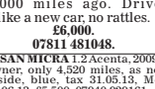

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It's goals galore as Tipton miss out

Ellesmere Rangers 4
Tipton Town 2

TIPTON TOWN conceded a 68-second goal, were two down in five minutes, level after 12, but lost two more goals at the end.

Connor Courtney's hopeful strike eluded keeper Jack Hayfield before just creeping inside the far post as Ellesmere Rangers belied their lowly Midland Alliance position with a fifth-minute Steve O'Reilly header.

A minute later Danny Dubidat cut the deficit and Tipton levelled in the 12th minute as Nigel Penney's pass was glanced home by Karl Edwards. Two minutes after that, Dave Maguire turned Edwards' point-blank effort over.

Penney and Hayfield had leg injuries so Tipton brought on Matt Martin and Ryan Kimberley, the latter turning a 35th-minute goal-bound strike over.

A save by Kimberley at the feet of Sharrod in the 49th minute kept Tipton in it and then he denied Durrell.

Dubidat's clever footwork won a corner from which Lewis Haycock headed wide.

Tipton's Martin screwed the ball only inches wide of the home goal.

After an Edwards effort drifted wide on the hour Tipton were caught out in the very next minute when Josh Brown outpaced the visitors' defence down the left flank before deftly cutting in and driving home.

Tipton's Andy Dicken made way for Nathan Waite in the 68th minute. Ellesmere wrapped up the points in their next attack, Durrell's powerful drive taking a huge deflection to finish in the Tipton net.

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Promise and fighting spirit in defeat

Kingswinford 2 Wednesbury 5

LAST week's 4-3 loss to unbeaten league champions Market Drayton shattered the promotion hopes of Kingswinford men's firsts.

As a result, they tackled a Wednesbury sice who needed just a point to guarantee the second promotion place – with a young development squad looking to rebuild a younger and more sustainable team with the hope of promotion for next season.

Kings went behind within five minutes as they struggled to find a new balance in the team. They were penalised by a motivated away side twice more before the break. However, the squad showed fighting spirit and proved to have a lot of promise, getting themselves organised and finding a foothold in the game with a goal from captain Ajay Sandhu, who finished a well-worked short corner routine.

After the break, both teams pushed hard for a crucial goal that would change the match.

Wednesbury were deservedly rewarded with a brilliant finish from their forward from top D.

With the game looking out of reach, Sam George converted another short corner to keep Kings in the fighting spirit although it proved to be too little too late as Wednesbury, after some tactical changes by Taylor, got a foothold in the match and were able to score two excellent goals including a great counter-attack move.

The second half started at a frantic pace and Kingswinford forward Colin Morris then came to life.

He picked up a pass and converted it by skipping past three challenges and selling a dummy to the keeper to slot home in the right corner of the goal.

Morris grabbed his hat-trick five minutes later again after he found the back of the net again.

Wednesbury, in a last-ditch effort to retain their promotion hopes, pushed forward with pace and effort.

This resulted in two fine goals and at 5-4 it was game on. However, the last 10 minutes saw Lubby Ram come to the fore in an unfamiliar forward role.

Ram picked up the ball on the wide right position in the Wednesbury D and was able to score a superb goal from an acute angle.

This eased the pressure on Kingswinford, who capitalised late on when good link-up play between Ram and Takhar saw the ball crossed from the right for the latter to slot home.

Hockey

Wednesbury scored again late on to take the three points.

Kingswinford 7 Wednesbury 4

Kingswinford seconds faced a very young but well-drilled team managed by Wednesbury Stalwart James Taylor.

Kingswinford gained a great footing in the match when veteran Billy Jawanda converted two early short corners.

A third was scored when immense pressure by Colin Morris forced an own goal by a Wednesbury defender.

Weary DK's late loss as early energy takes toll

Dudley Kingswinford 19 Hull Ionians 22

ONCE again Dudley Kingswinford made a good fist of taking on one of the league's top sides at home, only to see the game slip away in the final five minutes.

A last-minute penalty sealed the fate of a weary DK team in this National Two North encounter.

Rugby union

Second-placed Ionians opened by pounding DK's goal-line relentlessly and, after three minutes, Kerry Wood crossed for a try from an attacking line-out.

DK hurled themselves into tackle after tackle, a high-energy effort that saw several penalties conceded.

But their opponents found themselves down to 14 men when Mark Wigham went into a tackle with reckless use of the head and was red-carded.

Attacks

With their playmaker gone, Ionians lost focus for a while, but still managed a fine try through Joe Sanders, converted by Chris Reakes, to lead 12-0.

Jon Higgins led from the front as DK tried to make the best of their numerical advantage.

They launched waves of attacks in the backs, but the Ionians gain line held firm.

However, a fine chip over the gain line saw Gareth Bown in for a try before Connah Jones collected a dropped muddy ball to score in the corner. Bown's conversion tied the scores.

A minute into the second half, Dudley almost conceded when it took a storming cover tackle to keep out Ionians' Ben Johnson.

Yet almost from the restart, Higgins chipped forward, collected the ball and offloaded to Josh Watkins for a superb score which Bown converted for a seven-point lead.

Hull regrouped and entered a period of powerful forward attacks on DK's line.

Some fine defence once again from DK kept them out, but in truth there were too many penalties.

The referee lost patience with a collapsed maul and granted Ionians a penalty try with three minutes to go. The conversion saw the teams level again.

Almost at the restart, the home team raced in for an interception try only to be ruled offside.

The penalty was booted into the home 22m area for another attacking line-out.

The tired home team conceded another penalty and Reakes held his nerve to land the vital kick and give Ionians the win.

Josh Watkins crosses for a stunning third try by DK

Gareth Bown on the burst for Dudley Kingswinford

It's Bown again as he looks to get DK away against Ionians

Attacking efforts of Craig fall just short

BOXER Craig Morris bowed out of the senior ABA competition at the first national stages after a majority points loss, ***writes Craig Birch.***

The Midland Counties entrant switched to Lions ABC, Dudley, for his first season at senior level after boxing for hometown club, Ludlow ABC.

After area level success he was at Mansfield Civic Centre to fight Ekow Essuman, of Bilborough Community Club, Nottingham, in a 71kg contest on Sunday afternoon.

It started slowly with both sussing each other. Essuman was lethargic, as Morris set the pace.

The second round went to Essuman but he consistently fell short with the jab, as both looked to tee off with shots at close quarters.

While Essuman was busier, Morris was the aggressor and looked to have taken command in the third and last round as his southpaw stance bamboozled.

The Shropshire slugger stormed in to attack with the back hand and then switch-hit with hooks to punish Essuman, leaving him well in charge at the bell.

However, he had fallen just short of the verdict with the judges.

Three awarded the bout to Essuman while two went with Morris, leaving him defeated and out of the tournament.

Lions roar on in Vase

Stourbridge Lions 10
Old Leamingtonians 3

STOURBRIDGE LIONS are one game from Twickenham after retaining their Midlands Senior Vase title.

A disciplined and strong performance in front of a 300-plus crowd saw them beat tough, workmanlike opponents in Old Leamingtonians – overcoming a hard-tackling and energetic defence to run out winners.

Tries by winger Danny Cox and skipper Stuart Doolittle sealed the victory.

The Lions now aim to go one better than last year and reach Twickenham. They will have home advantage for the National Vase semi-final on March 30 against Northen Vase winners Selby.

The winners face Maidstone or Drybrook at Twickenham on May 4.

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Dull draw little help on target for Town

Dudley Town 0
Sporting Khalsa 0

POSTPONEMENT of Dudley Town's match at AFC Wulfrunians on Saturday meant there was no quick chance to put a dull draw behind them.

Teams cancelled each other out in a result doing little for either side's ambitions of a top-six West Midlands Premier finish.

Robins' first league fixture in 10 days saw Town start the brighter of the two as Grant Joshua went close on six minutes with a shot past the post. He was unlucky 10 minutes later as a free-kick clipped the bar.

Khalsa started to cause problems and Aaron O'Malley had to be on top form to keep out veteran striker Mark Habbershaw who had navigated through The Robins defence.

With the temperature continually dropping, Geoff Hill thought that he had given some cheer to the home support, but his powerful low free-kick rattled off the post.

The warmth of the dressing room woke up Khalsa who in the second period always looked the most likely to gain the advantage.

Town had Steve Edmunds to thank in the 52nd minute when Nicky Campbell rounded O'Malley only for his shot to find the Dudley full-back stood on the line.

Sporting pressed on and on and forced a fine finger tip save from O'Malley as Habbershaw's powerful free-kick was deflected wide.

Jones misses trip for tour

BRIERLEY HILL darter Mark Jones will not be a part of the PDC's next European Tour event after losing in the first round on Board 15, 6-2 to Rugeley's Mark 'Mile High' Hylton.

'Little Mon' will be staying in the Black Country as the qualifiers head to Sindelfingen, Germany, on March 30 after defeat at the Robin Park Centre, Wigan.

It was the second time on Saturday that Jones faced a fellow West Midlands darter, after beating Wednesbury's Matthew Dicken 6-4 in the UK Open qualifier.

Charl Pietersen defeated him 6-5 in the second round

In Sunday's UK Open qualifier, Jones beat James Hubbard 6-1 before losing by the same margin to Mervyn King.

Five debuts in blend of youth and experience

Dudley Heathens

HEATHENS head to Coventry tomorrow with no fewer than five riders making their debut for the former Cradley side.

And one of the new signings, Gareth Isherwood, is delighted to get the chance to ride for the famous club.

The 24-year-old says the combination of youth and experience gives the team a balanced look.

And he reckons there is already a good team spirit within the camp after their team bonding exercise at the start of the month.

He said: "Everybody at the club seems great. The fans are all really enthusiastic about the sport and it's a really well-run, professional set-up so it's great to be a part of it. I think we've got a good team. It seems like we've got a really good bunch of lads, and I'm sure we'll be able to build up some team spirit pretty quickly.

"I think there's a good mix of experienced riders and youngsters. Ash (Ashley Morris) is the captain but I think with the lads we've got, we'll all act like captains.

"We'll all pass onto each other what we can and try to help each other out to make sure the team can do as well as possible.

"A few of us are at the ages now where it's kind of make or break, so we need to do the business."

"It's going to be down to us more experienced guys to get the job done and hopefully take the pressure off some of the younger lads."

"We're aiming for a National League title and I think we can do it. We definitely have a team good enough to make the top four and once you get in the play-offs anything can happen.

"The fans seem great at Dudley, and if we can give them the league title at the end of the season it would be great."

Heathens stage their first home meeting of the season at Wolverhampton on Tuesday, April 9, in the return leg against Coventry.

And they host the British Under-21 final at Monmore on April 23 when they'll be represented by Morris, Dan Greenwood and Max Clegg.

Former Heathens duo Tom Perry and Darryl Ritchings, both now with the Isle of Wight, are also in the meeting.

Greenwood and 15-year-old Clegg both qualified from the Plymouth semi-final with eight points – an extraordinary achievement by the teenager – in a meeting curtailed by one round of races due to the stadium curfew.

'TANK' HOPING TO BE TITLE CONTENDER

DUDLEY boxer Ryan Aston hopes a fight tomorrow can help push him back into title contention.

Aston is back in action at the Town Hall in Leeds after his last two bouts saw him lose a Midlands title shot via stoppage and endure a technical draw.

Curtis Valentine snapped his undefeated professional streak in two rounds last July, before Aston was cut by the eye from a clash of heads with Tyan Booth in November.

by Craig Birch

But 'Tank' kept tabs on the middleweight scene and is confident he can be fast-tracked back to the belts battle with a couple of wins.

The 22-year-old has sparred with Matthew Hall, who landed the first shot at British and Commonwealth champion Billy Joe Saunders tonight.

He was at Wolverhampton Civic Hall two weeks ago to see Danny Butler seize the English crown with a 10th-round stoppage of Birmingham's Thomas Costello.

Convince

That further convinced Aston that the division is wide open for him, starting in Leeds and continuing with an appearance supporting the big Matchroom bill on April 20.

Sky Sports cameras will be there in Blackpool and Aston sees it as his last warm-up before he goes back to the big fights, with new English title holder Butler the obvious target.

Aston said: "I have sparred with Danny many times and never really thought of him as a threat, so for him to win the English title is like a door opening for me.

"I was hoping Thomas would win; he was the local favourite and a good friend of mine. But it wasn't to be and Butler did well, I have to admit. I just want a couple of fights to get me back to where I was.

"This is one and then we are looking at opponents for a six-rounder in Blackpool.

"I know I have got to prove people wrong, I fell off-track for the right reasons but I will get to where I want to be."

Tomorrow is about exorcising demons for Aston and getting back to winning in a four-rounder against Kirill Psonsko, who Aston saw lose on points to Andrew Robinson at the Civic.

Aston says he will be a different proposition and insists he has worked as hard as ever to get himself ready for fight night.

"There's been no hiccups this time and I treat every fight the same way, you still have to be in the gym every day and training hard!

"I have watched this guy and he's not bad but he's pretty standard.

"He tucks up a lot, so I am going to have to open him up and let my shots go.

"I just need to get some rounds in, that's the reason we took this fight. But if the chance comes to put him away, rest assured I will do.

"I don't think I will struggle at all with this one."

Reuben targets Rio with trials for Olympics

Reuben Charlesworth is kick-starting his bid to represent Great Britain at the 2016 Rio Olympics in Brazil

A DUDLEY teenager is targeting the 2016 Rio Olympics after coming through the first stage of Tae Kwon Do trials.

Reuben Charlesworth, aged 15, from Milking Bank, Lower Gornal, has been fighting since the age of three.

He was asked by UK Sport to take part in trials to qualify for the Games and reached the second stage of the competition last month. The next heat will be held on April 15 and a final third round will take place in May.

If successful, the Bishop Milner Catholic School student will move to Manchester where he will undergo rigorous training in preparation for the Games.

His father Jason owns Charlesworth Martial Arts Gym, Birmingham Road, Halesowen, and has been coaching Reuben for more than 12 years.

He said: "UK Sport kept calling us and sending us letters asking if Reuben was interested in the trials. I don't know how they knew about him, but it seems as if they have had their eye on him for some time.

"Reuben takes part in tournaments all over the world and usually comes back a winner. He puts a lot of effort into the sport and is always doing leg work in the gym. He is very dedicated and really deserves this opportunity. I hope he gets it."

The five-times world champion is sponsored by adidas and in his spare time plays in the youth team for Cradley Town FC. He will fly to Germany on April 27 to take part in another competition.

His father added: "Reuben has lots of trophies, medals and certificates so I am hoping he will get another in Germany."

Tipton's cup hope is worth the Waite

Loughborough University 3
Tipton Town 2

TIPTON kept their Polymac Services Cup final hopes alive with a stirring second-half show in the semi-final first leg at Loughborough.

They trailed 2-0 and 3-1 before a late strike from Nathan Waite boosted their hopes for the return.

Town keeper Neil Page was in action on seven minutes as he denied the dangerous Daniel Nti and then saved well from Jordan Barker on 12 minutes.

Tipton's Richard Huckfield and Adam Wattley were forced into hurried clearances but pressure was rewarded on 17 minutes as Nti drove past Page.

Tipton's Danny Dubidat forced a corner, but later they were thankful for a timely intervention by Karl Edwards to deny Barker.

The home side went further ahead on 41 minutes when Cook's drive beat Page. Edwards went close for Tipton just before the break and shortlly afterwards he was denied by home keeper Jack Howard.

Page made a stunning save to thwart Nti before Tipton scored on 68 minutes with a well-struck volley from Mike Wardle.

Tipton went close to levelling as Tom Tonks' drive was booted off the line with keeper Howard stranded, but Loughborough's Barker then beat Page with a scorcher.

Stung by the reverse after a period of dominance, Tipton hit back five minutes from time. Huckfield forced the ball into a crowded home penalty area and Waite reacted quickest to stab it home.

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